COPPELION

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TOMONORI INOUE

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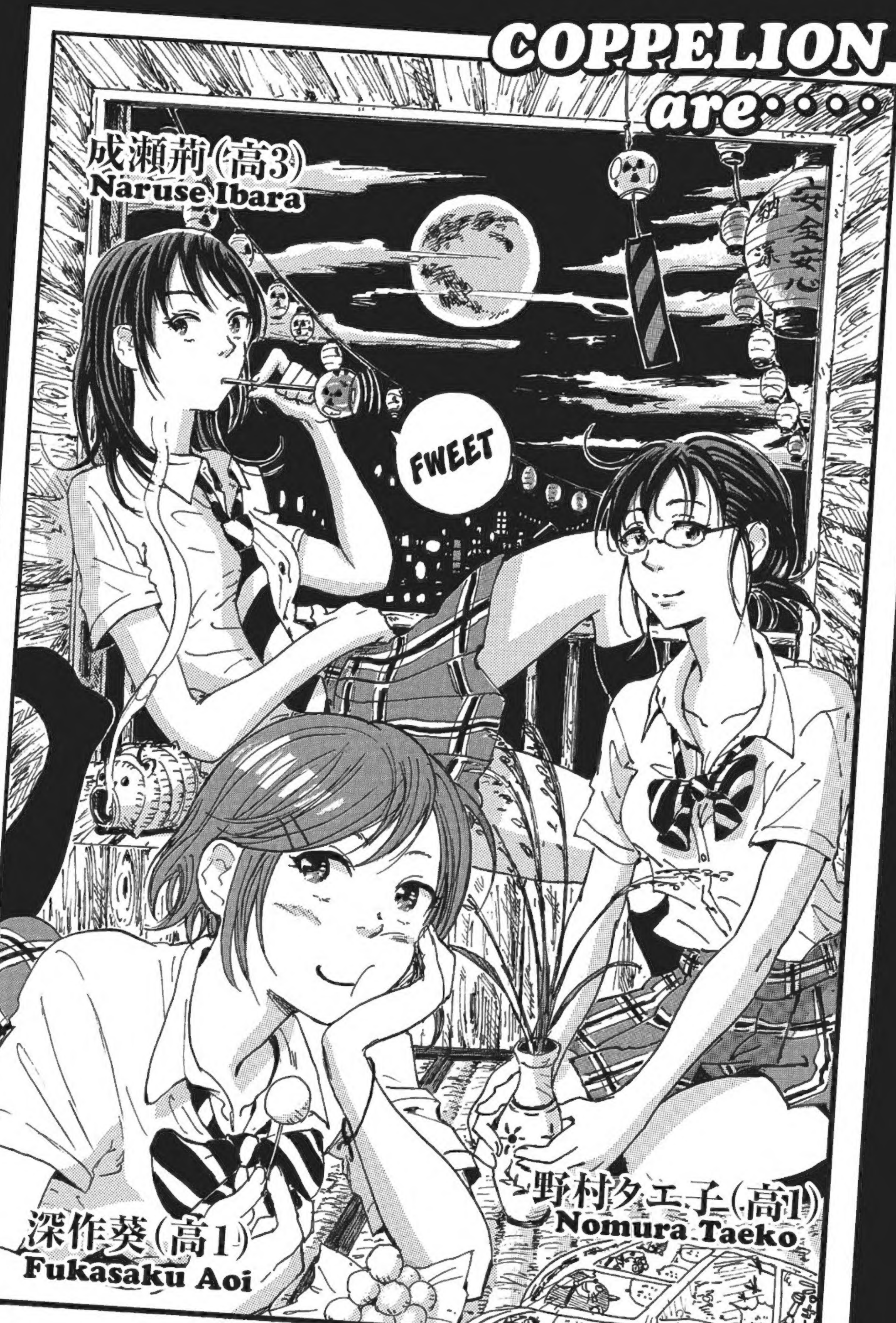
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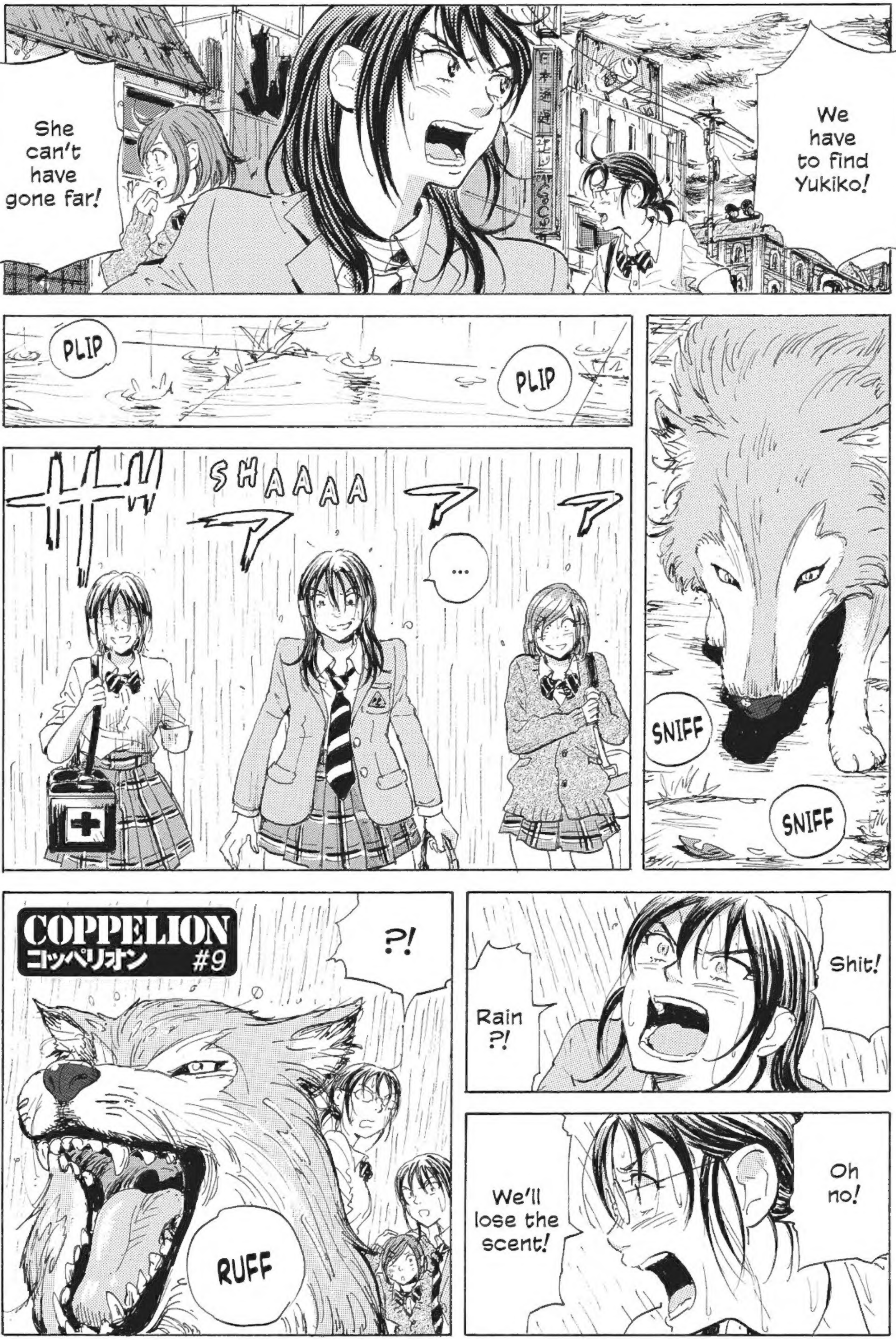
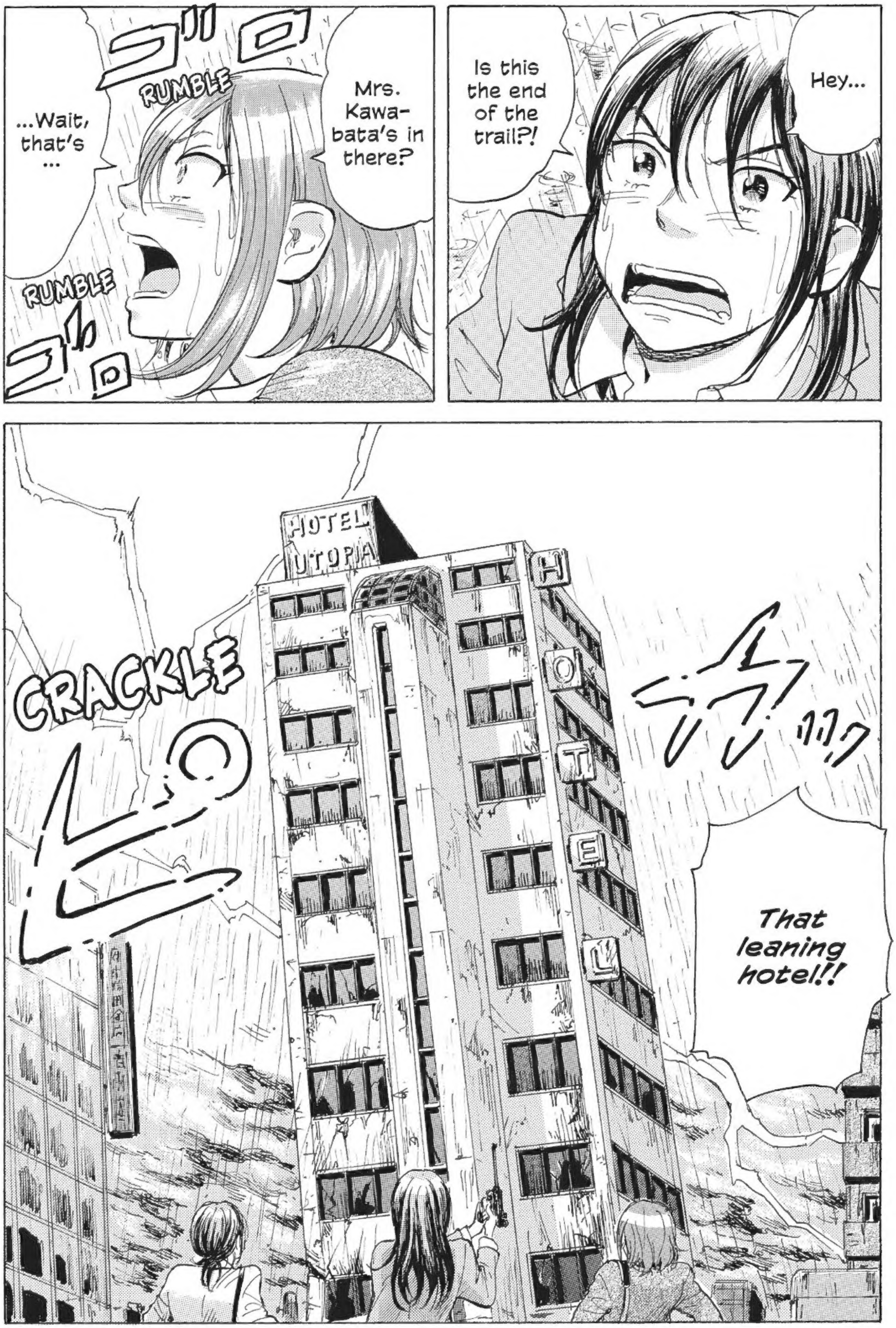
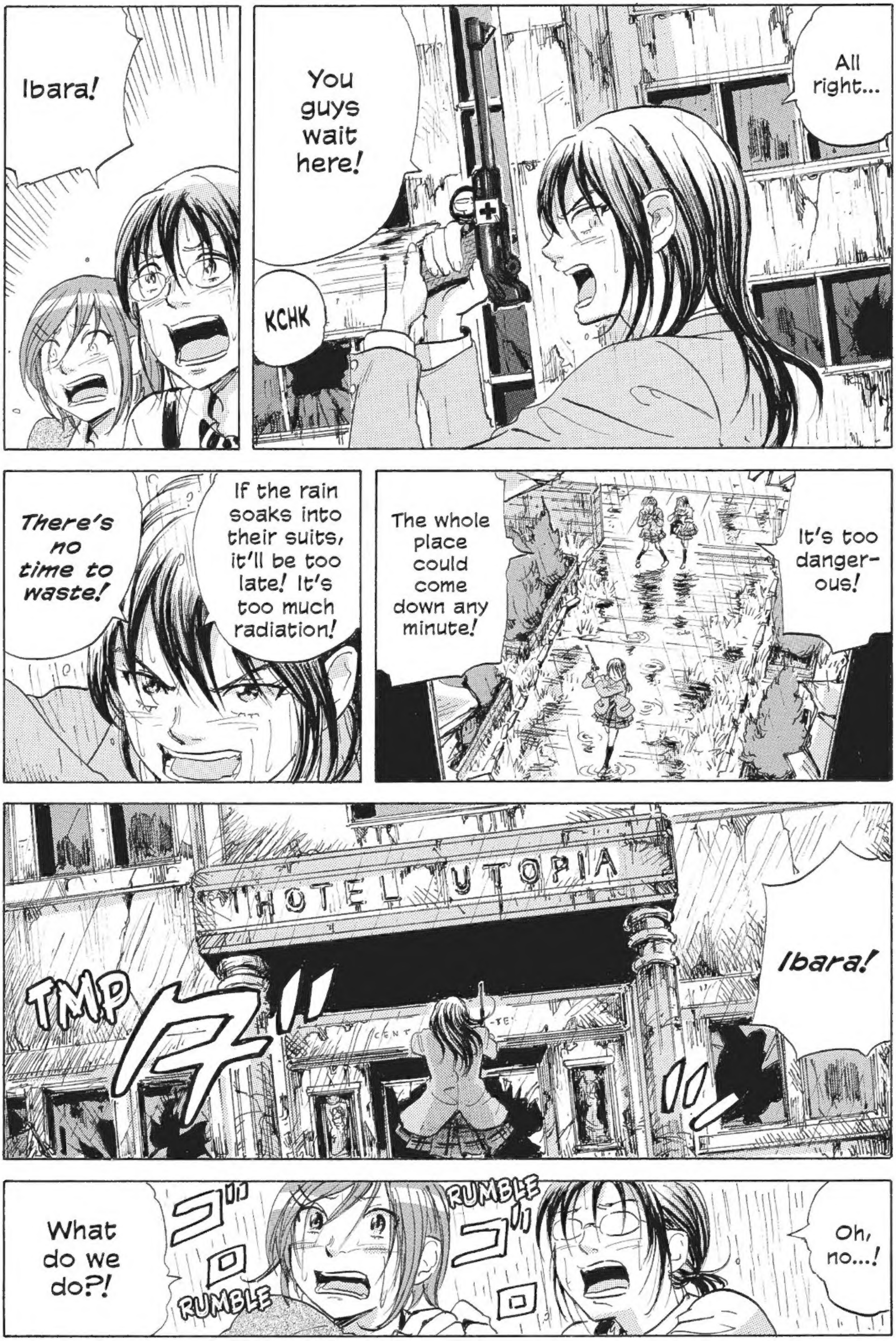
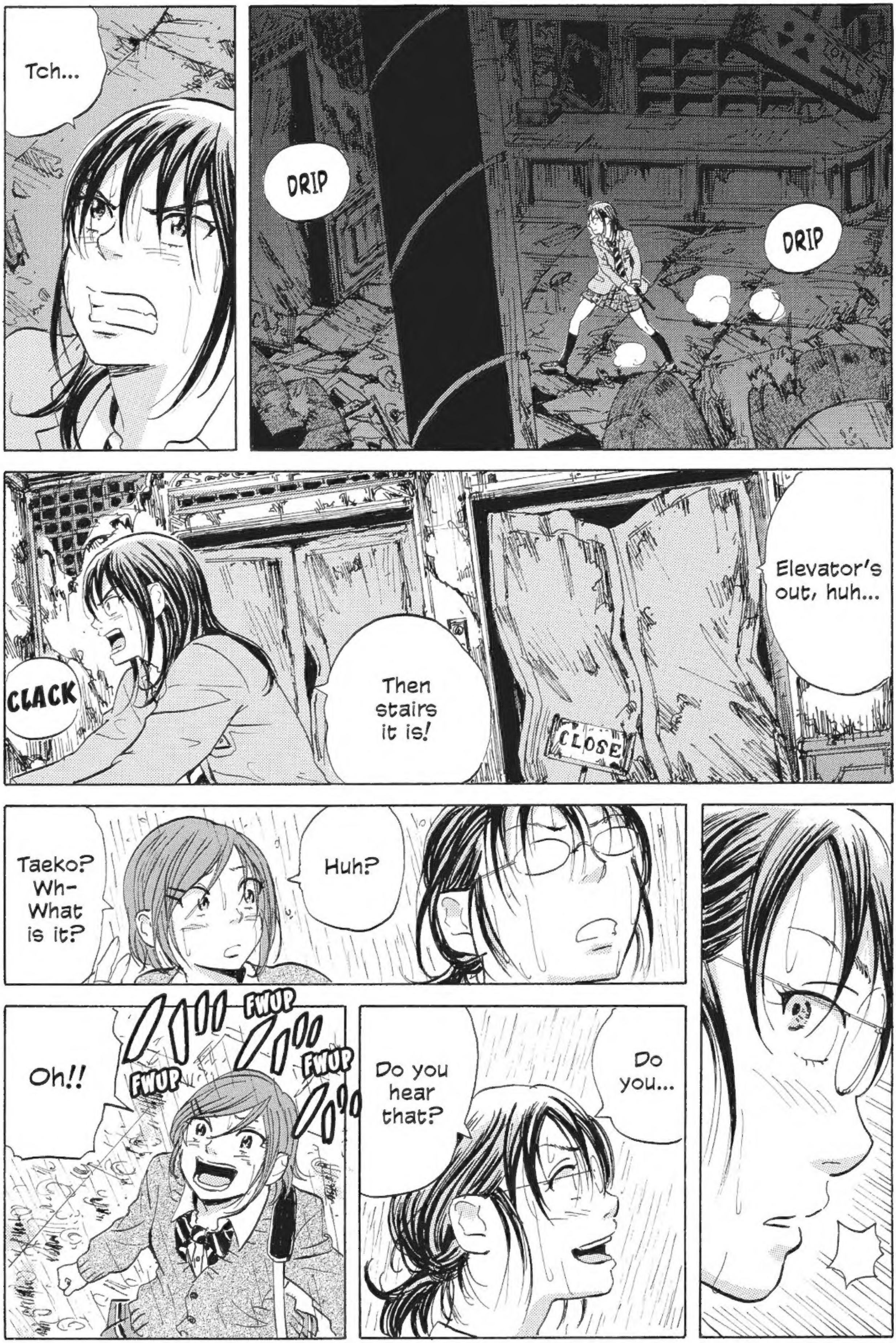
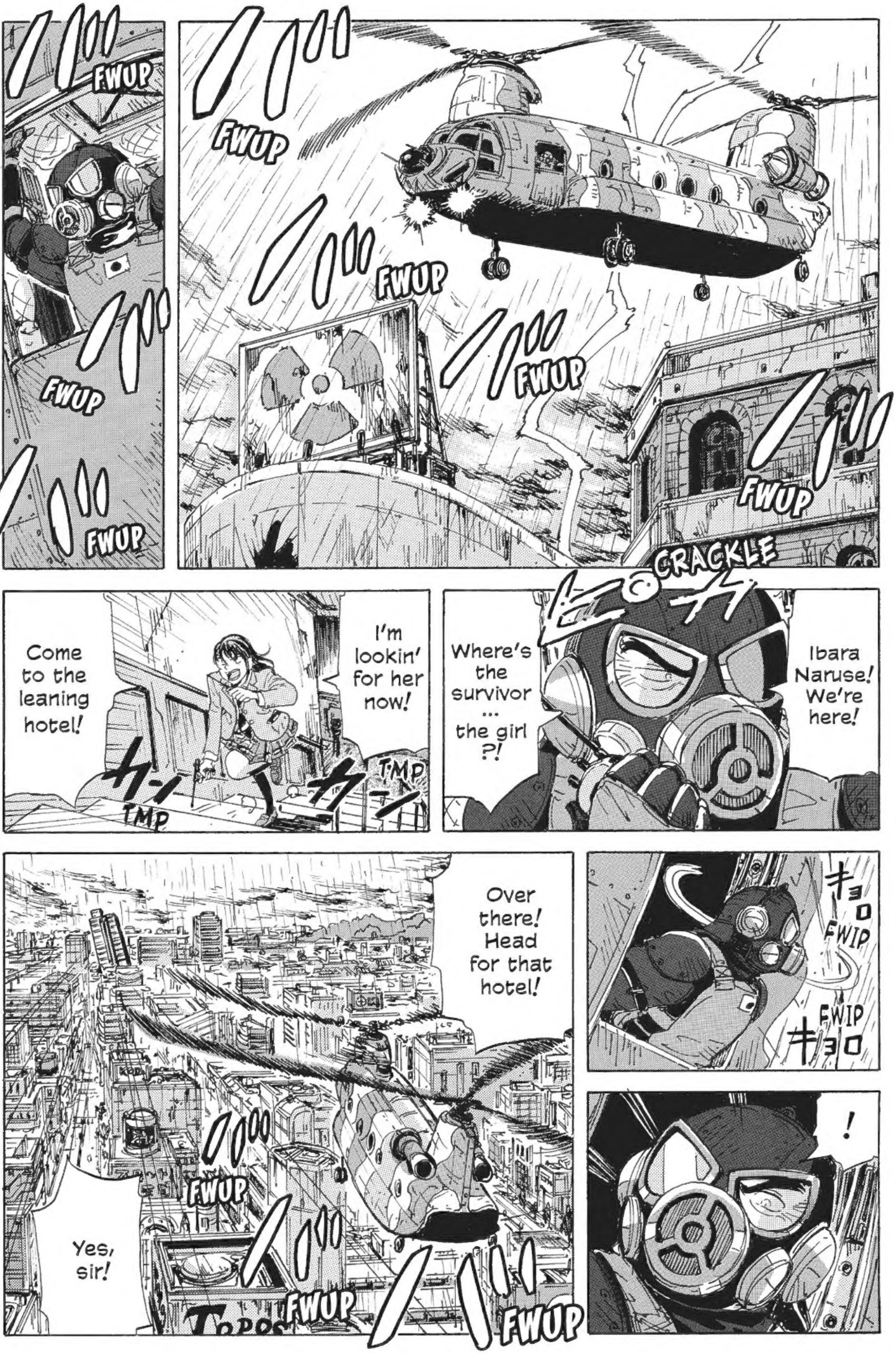
are・・・・
成瀬莉（高3）
Naruse Ibara
安全安心
FWEET
野村タエ子（高1）
Nomura Taeko
深作葵（高1）
Fukasaku Aoi

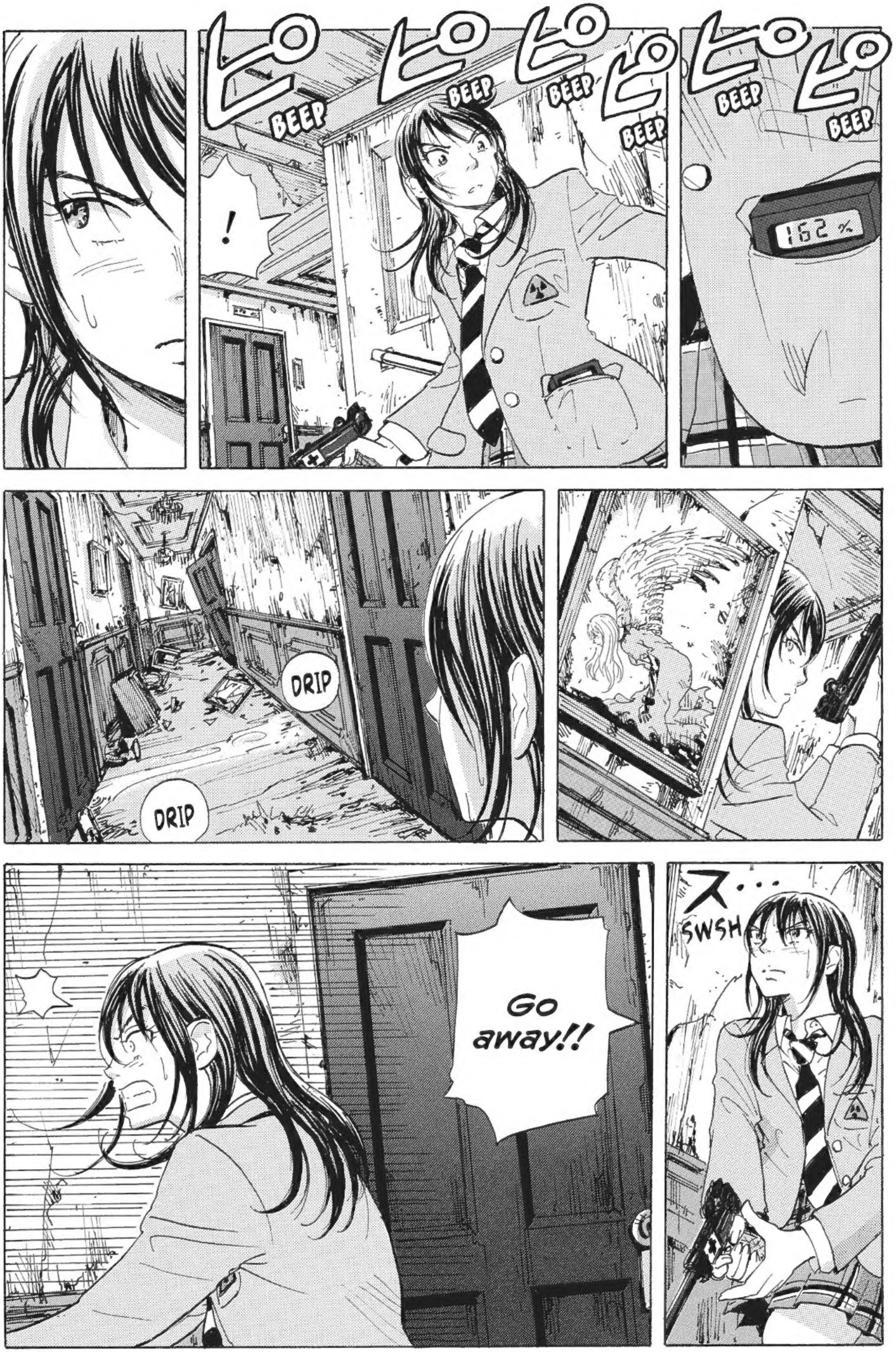

We have to find Yukiko!
She can't have gone far!
SNIFF
SNIFF
PLIP
PLIP
ザァァァァ
SHAAAA
...
Shit!
Rain ?!
Oh no!
We'll lose the scent!
COPPELION
コッペリオン #9
?!
RUFF


Hey...
Is this the end of the trail?!
Mrs. Kawabata's in there?
...Wait, that's ...
ゴロ
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
ゴロ
HOTEL UTOPIA
HOTEL
That leaning hotel!!
CRACKLE


All right...
You guys wait here!
KCHK
Ibara!
It's too danger-ous!
The whole place could come down any minute!
If the rain soaks into their suits, it'll be too late! It's too much radiation!
There's no time to waste!
HOTEL UTOPIA
Ibara!
TMP
Oh, no...!
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
What do we do?!


DRIP
DRIP
Tch...
Elevator's out, huh...
CLOSE
Then stairs it is!
CLACK
Huh?
Taeko? Wh- What is it?
Do you...
Do you hear that?
FWUP
FWUP
FWUP
Oh!!


FWUP
FWUP
FWUP
FWUP
FWUP
FWUP
FWUP
FWUP
CRACKLE
Ibara Naruse! We're here!
Where's the survivor ... the girl ?!
I'm lookin' for her now!
Come to the leaning hotel!
TMP
TMP
キョロ
FWIP
FWIP
キョロ
!
Over there! Head for that hotel!
Yes, sir!
FWUP
FWUP
FWUP


ピ
BEEP
ピ
BEEP
162%
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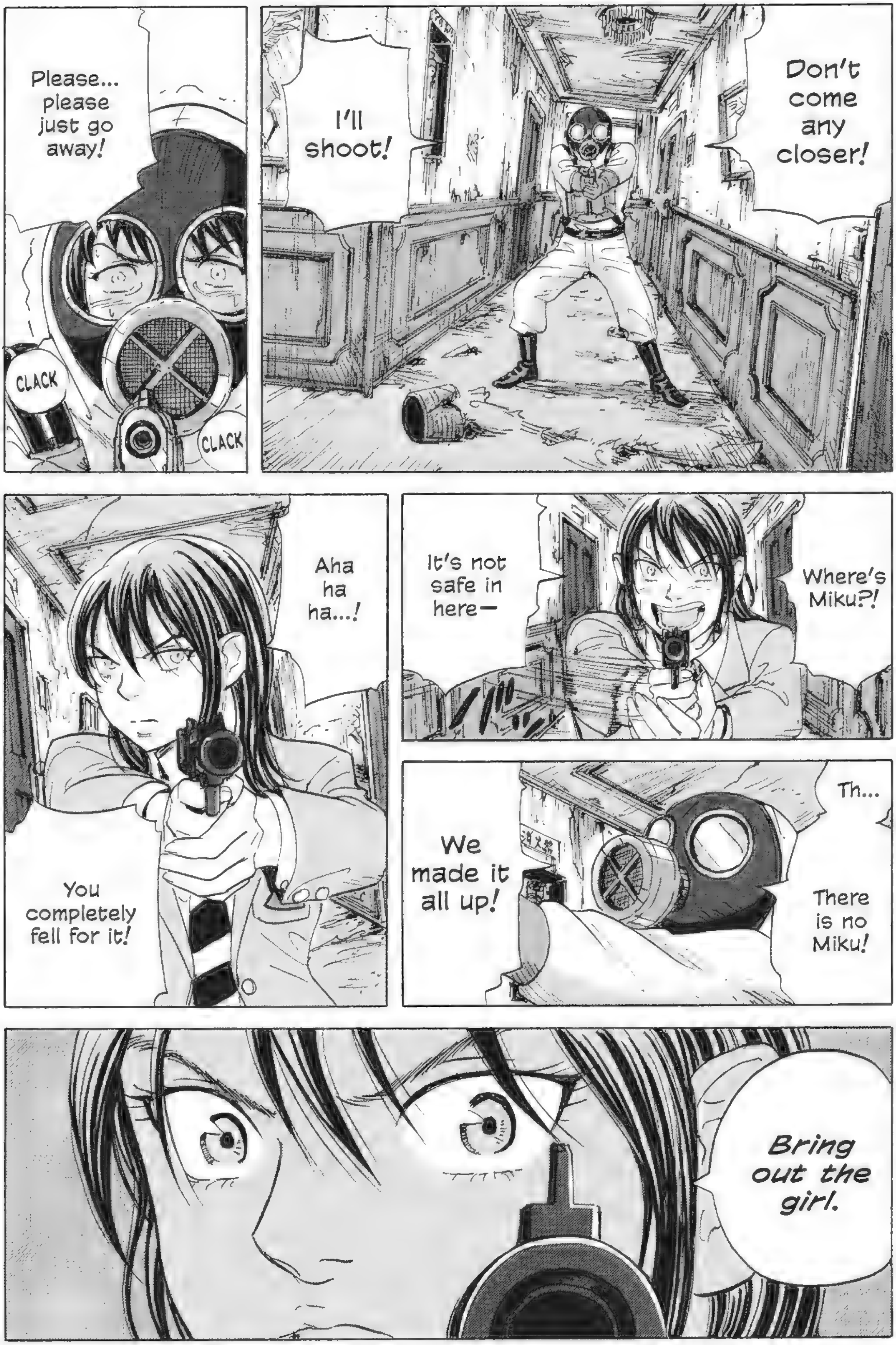
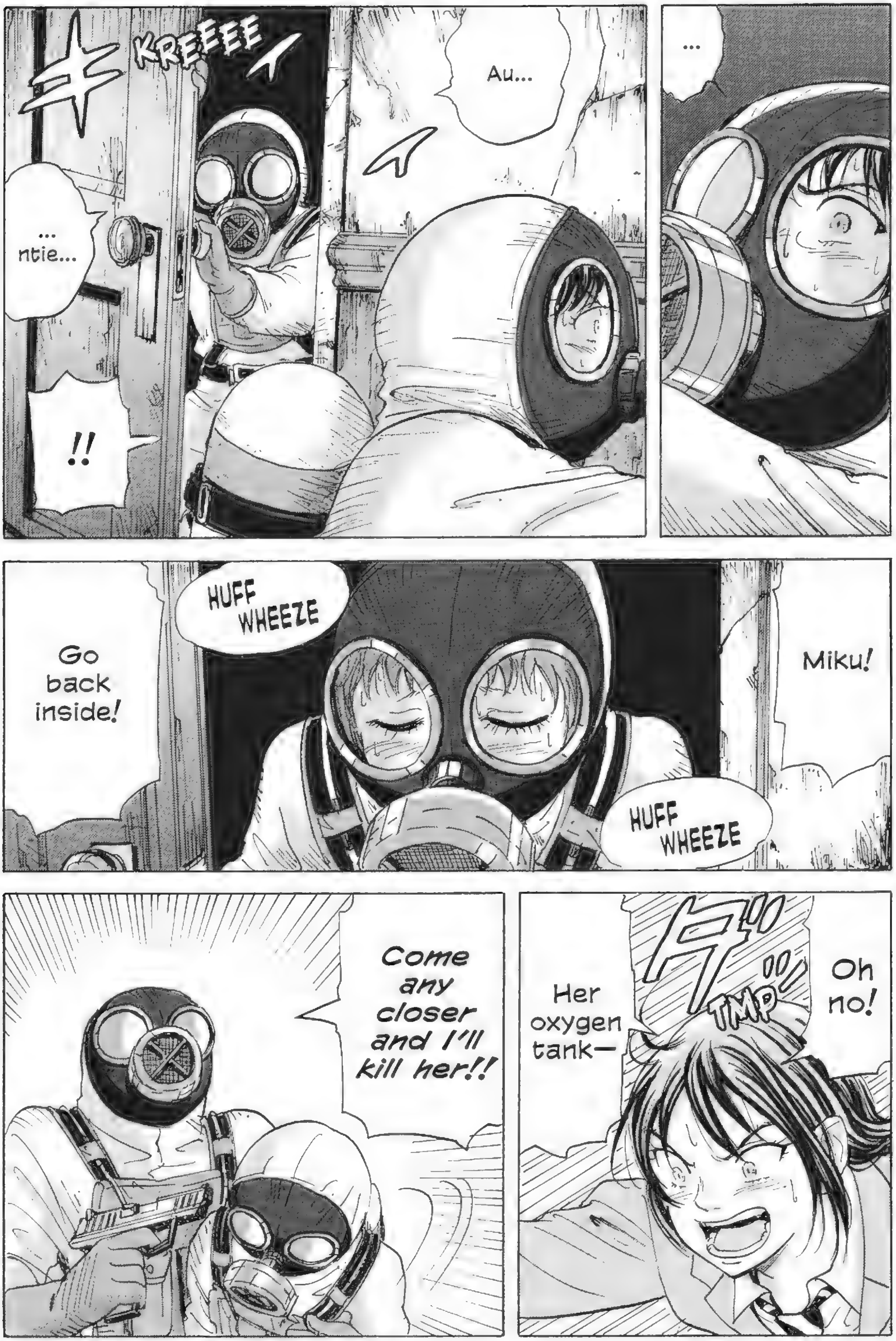
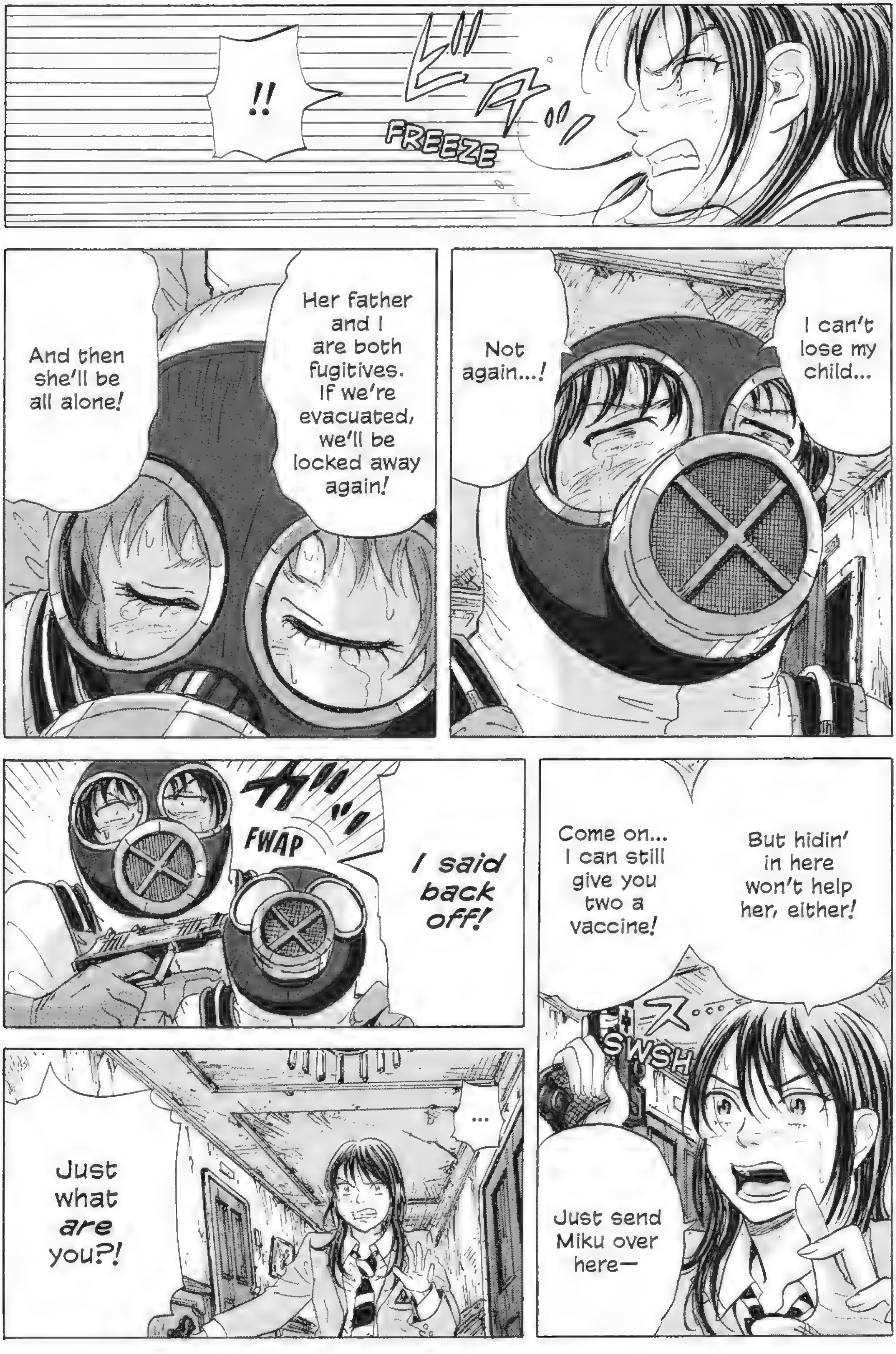
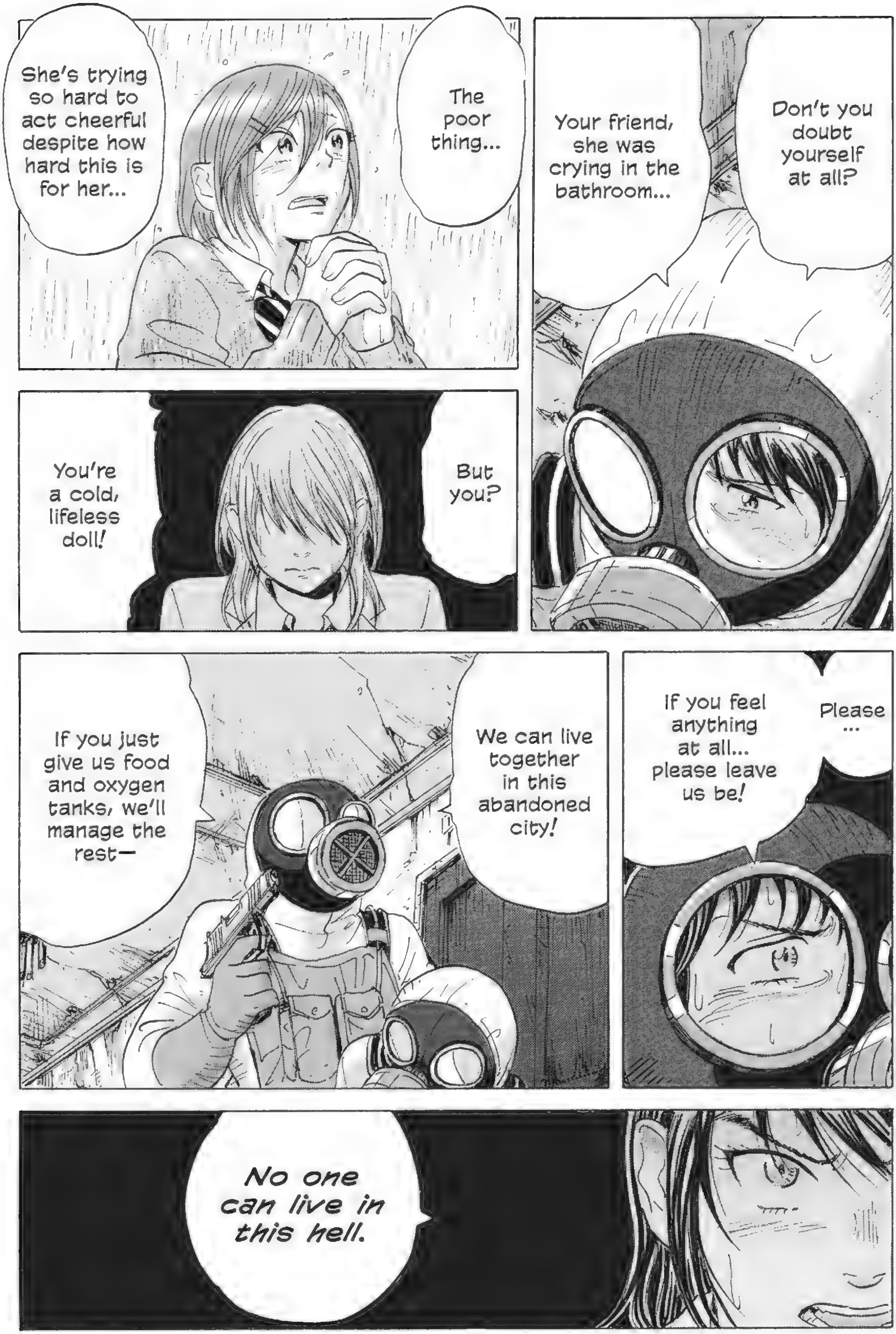
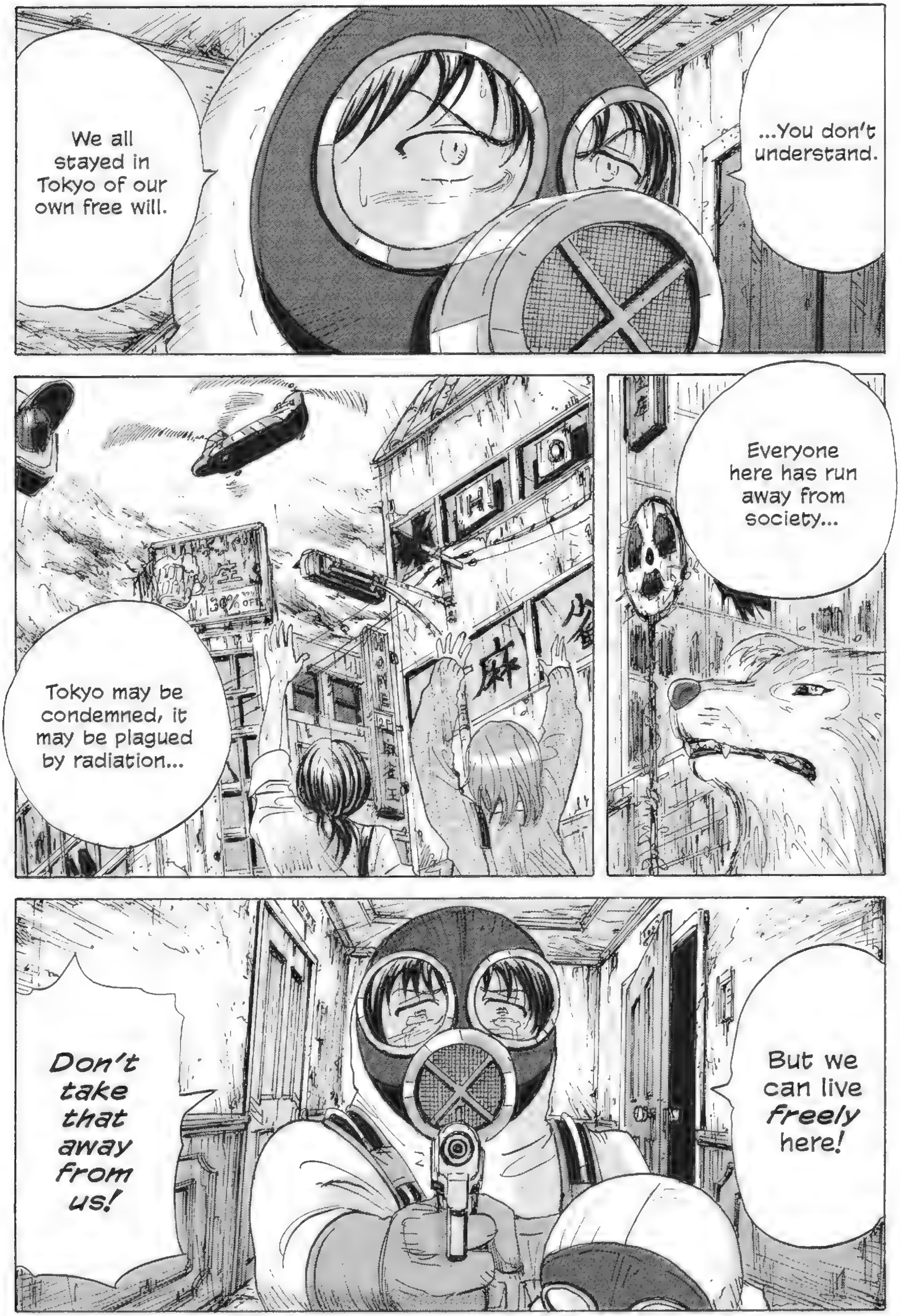
BEEP
!
DRIP
DRIP
ス…
SWSH
Go away!!

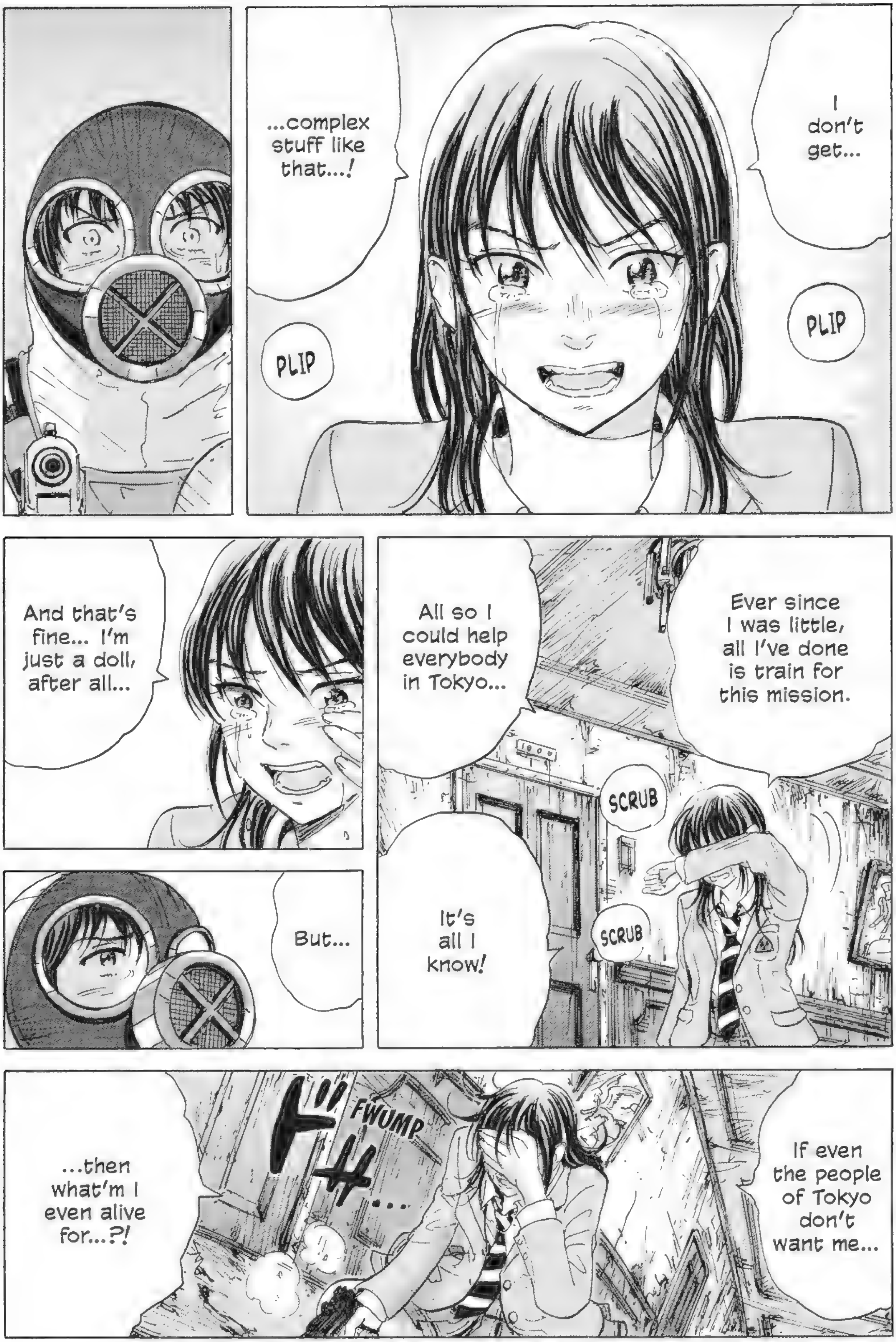

Don't come any closer!
I'll shoot!
Please... please just go away!
CLACK
CLACK
Where's Miku?!
It's not safe in here—
Th...
There is no Miku!
We made it all up!
Aha ha ha...!
You completely fell for it!
Bring out the girl.

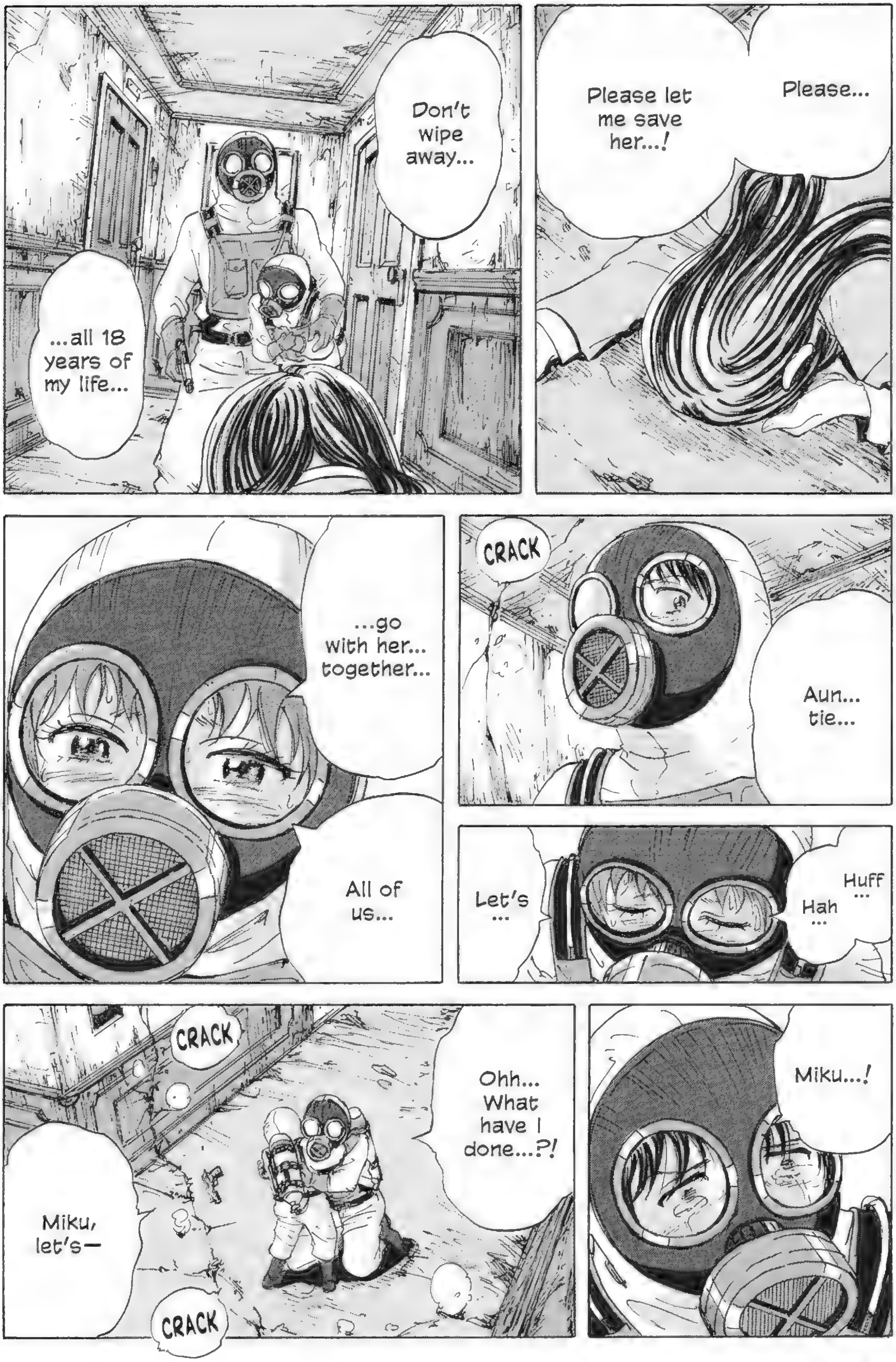

...
Au...
KREEEE
...
ntie...
!!
Miku!
HUFF
WHEEZE
HUFF
WHEEZE
Go back inside!
Oh no!
TMP
Her oxygen tank—
Come any closer and I'll kill her!!

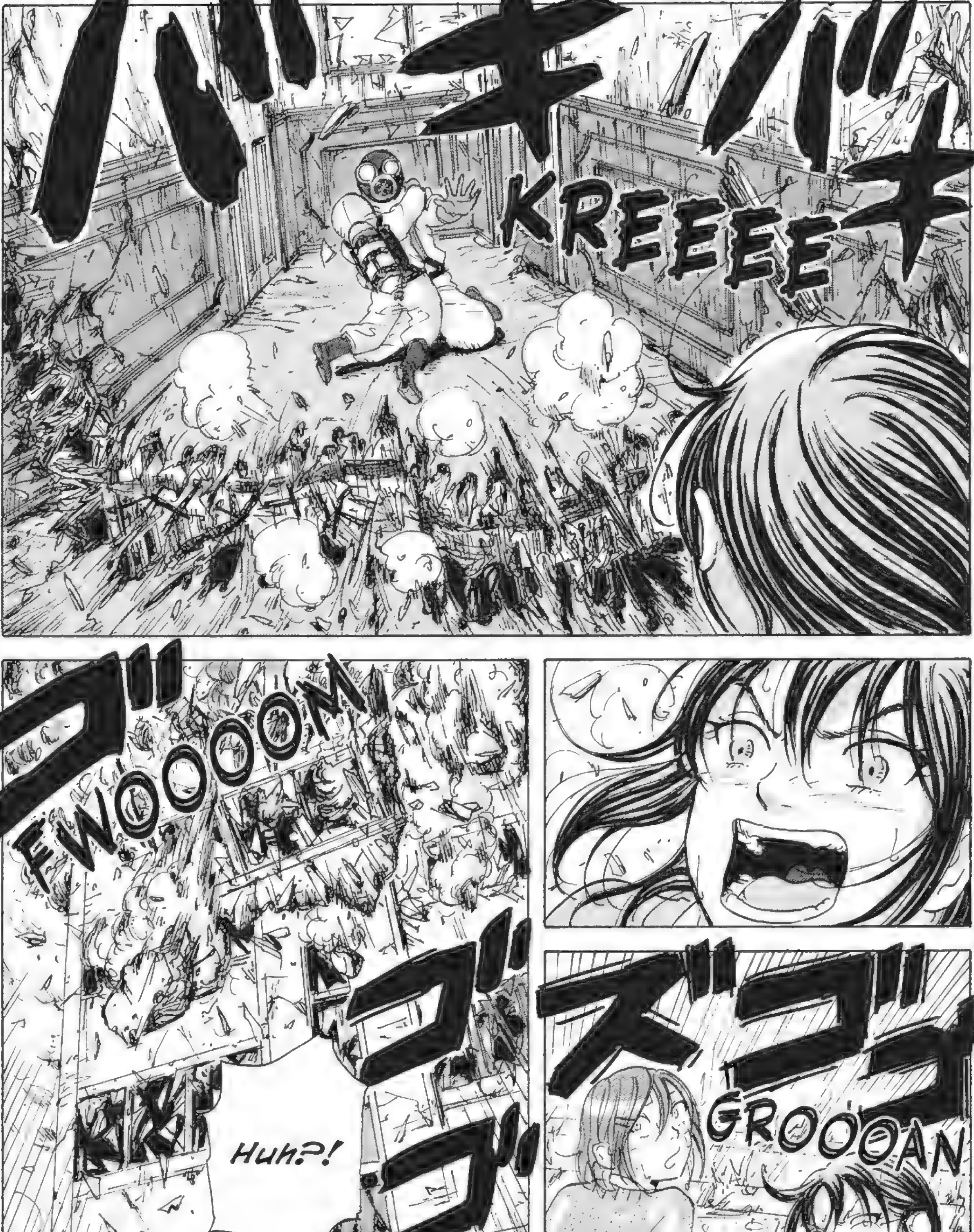

!!
ビタッ
FREEZE
I can't lose my child...
Not again...!
Her father and I are both fugitives. If we're evacuated, we'll be locked away again!
And then she'll be all alone!
But hidin' in here won't help her, either!
Come on... I can still give you two a vaccine!
スッ
SWSH
Just send Miku over here—
ガッ
FWAP
I said back off!
...
Just what *are* you?!

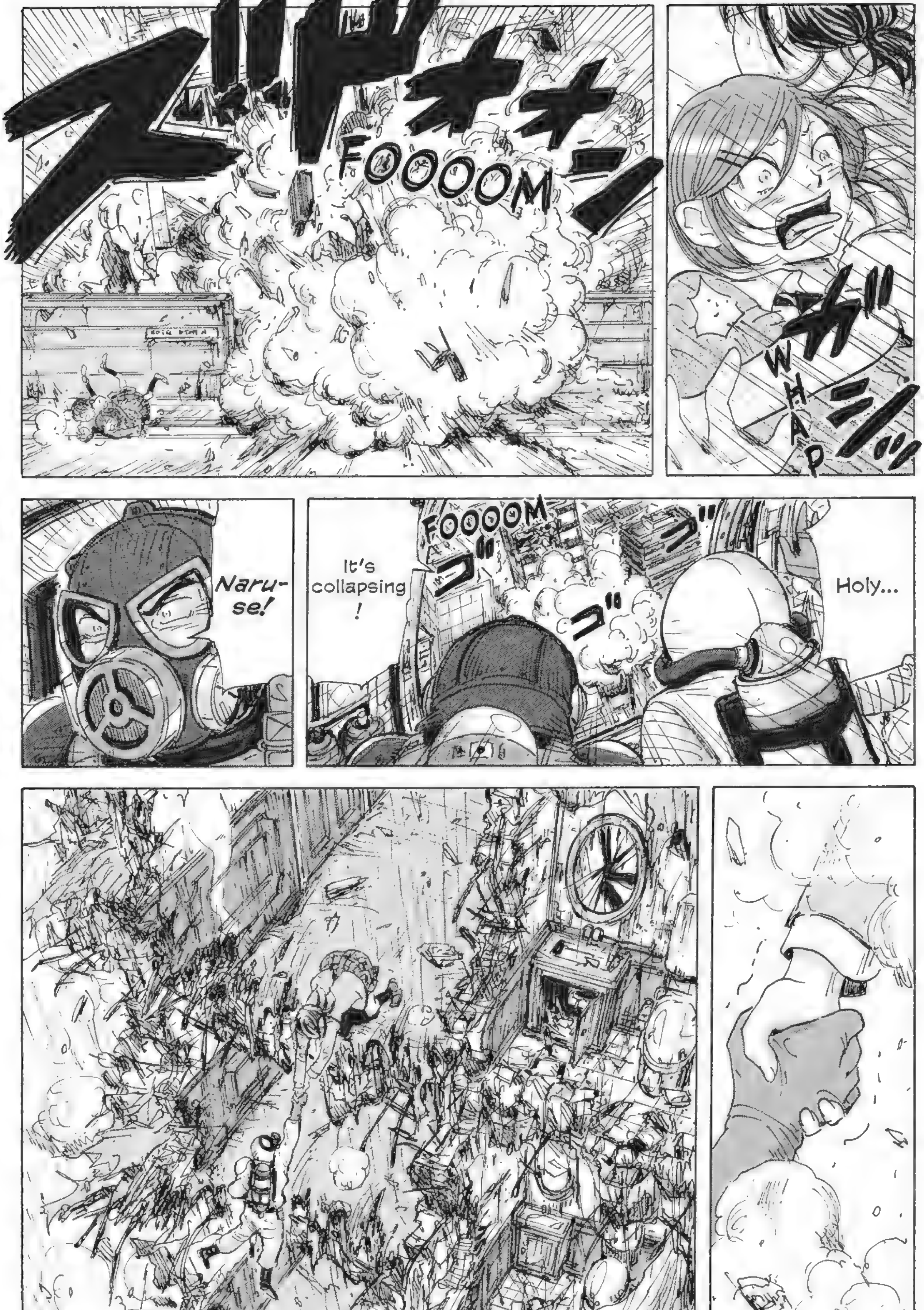

Don't you doubt yourself at all?
Your friend, she was crying in the bathroom...
The poor thing...
She's trying so hard to act cheerful despite how hard this is for her...
But you?
You're a cold, lifeless doll!
Please...
If you feel anything at all... please leave us be!
We can live together in this abandoned city!
If you just give us food and oxygen tanks, we'll manage the rest—
No one can live in this hell.

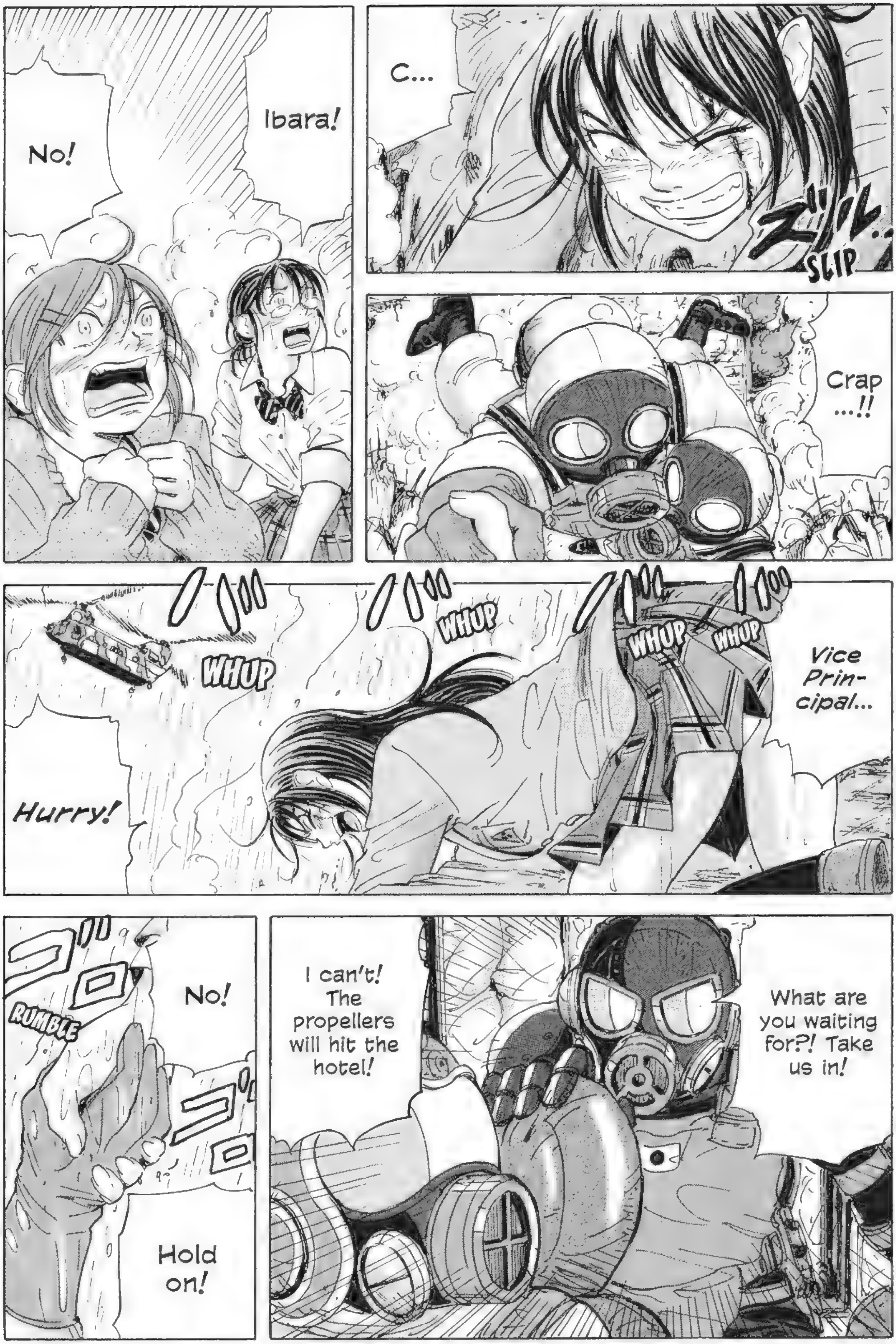

...You don't understand.
We all stayed in Tokyo of our own free will.
Everyone here has run away from society...
30% OFF
Tokyo may be condemned, it may be plagued by radiation...
But we can live *freely* here!
Don't take that away from us!

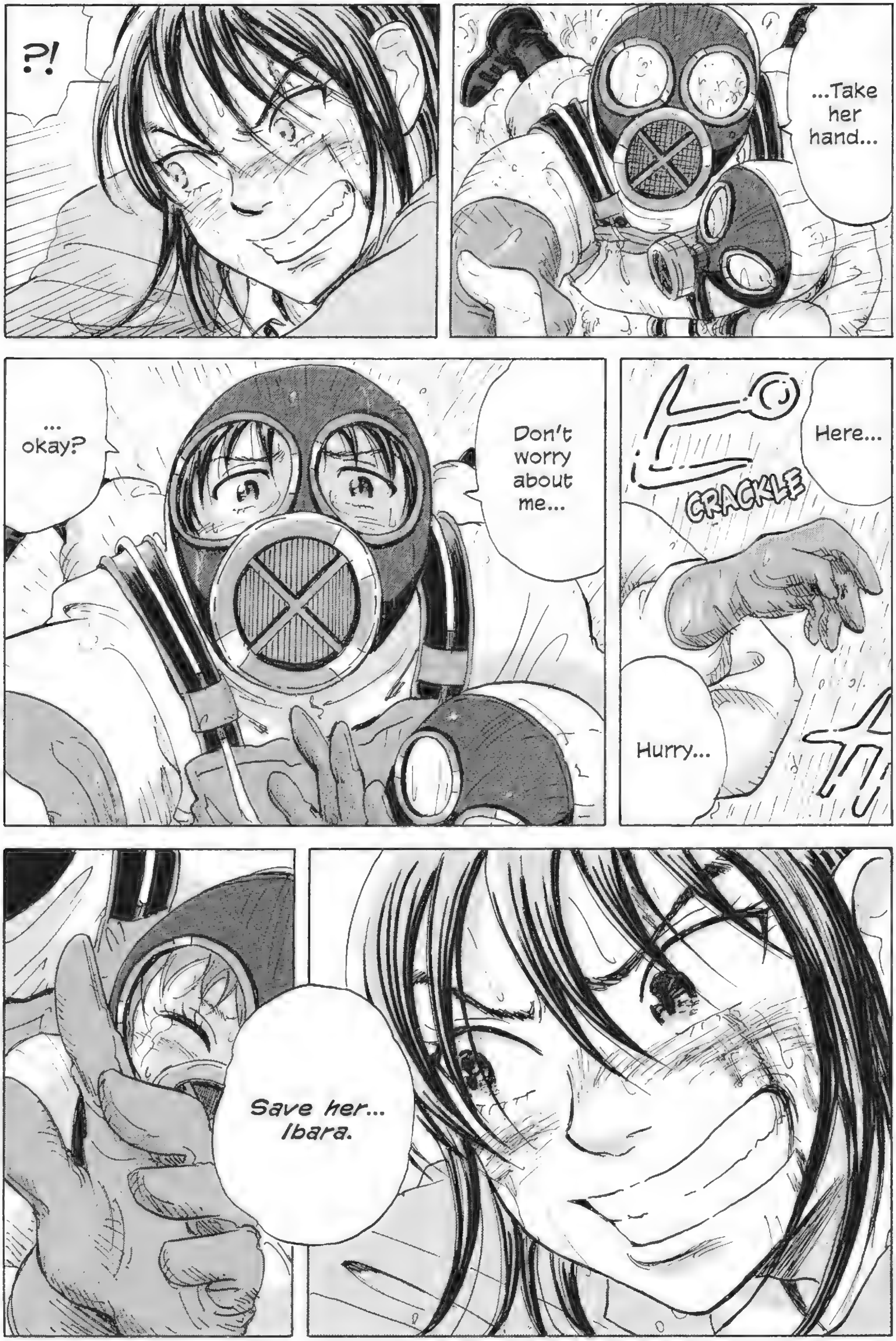

I don't get...
PLIP
...complex stuff like that...!
PLIP
Ever since I was little, all I've done is train for this mission.
All so I could help everybody in Tokyo...
SCRUB
It's all I know!
SCRUB
And that's fine... I'm just a doll, after all...
But...
If even the people of Tokyo don't want me...
ドサ...
FWUMP
...then what'm I even alive for...?!

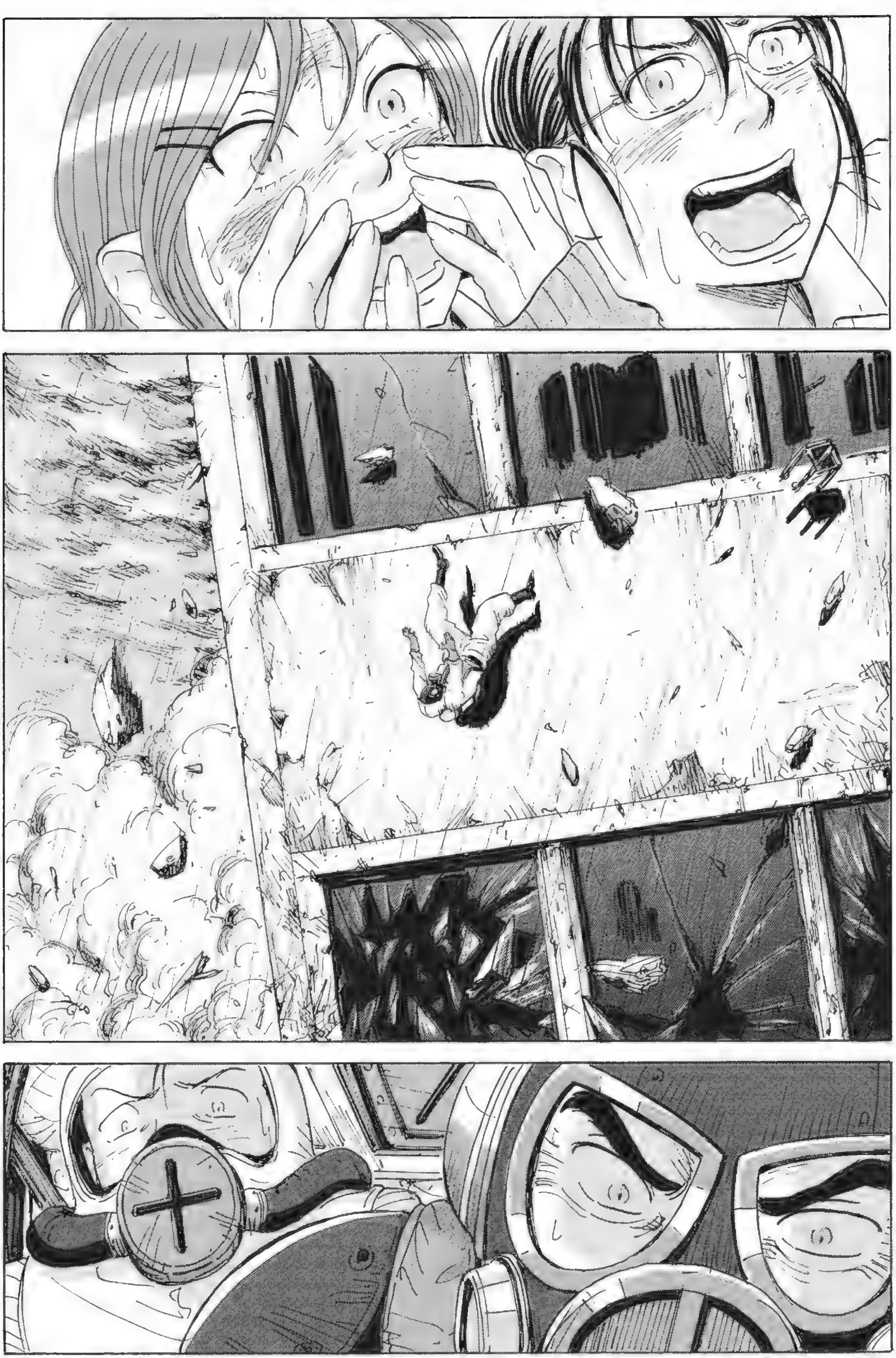

Please...
Please let me save her...!
Don't wipe away...
...all 18 years of my life...
CRACK
Aun... tie...
Huff...
Hah...
Let's...
...go with her... together...
All of us...
Miku...!
CRACK
Ohh... What have I done...?!
Miku, let's—
CRACK

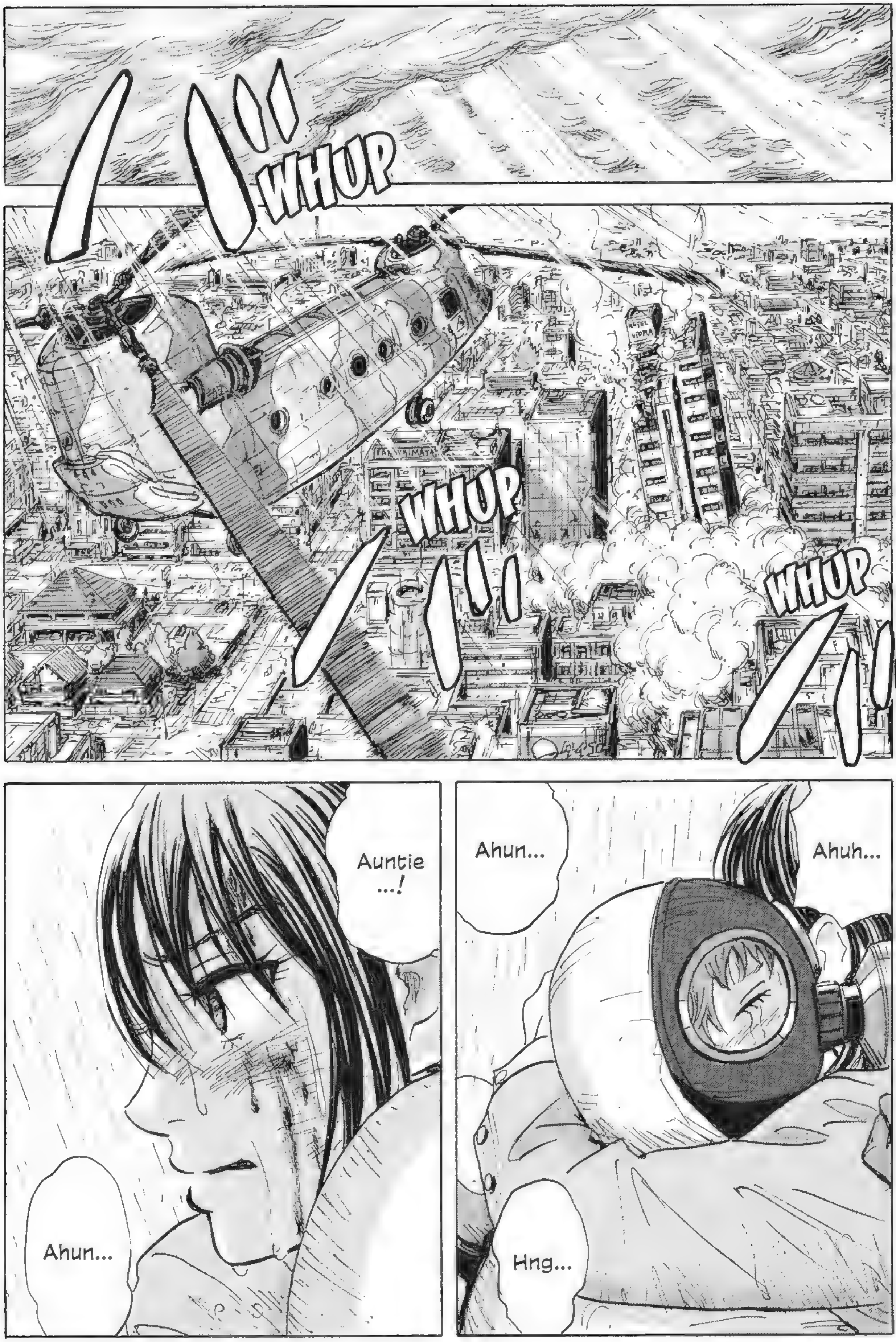

バキバキ
KREEEEE
ズゴゴ
GROOOAN
?!
ゴゴゴ
FWOOOOOM
Huh?!

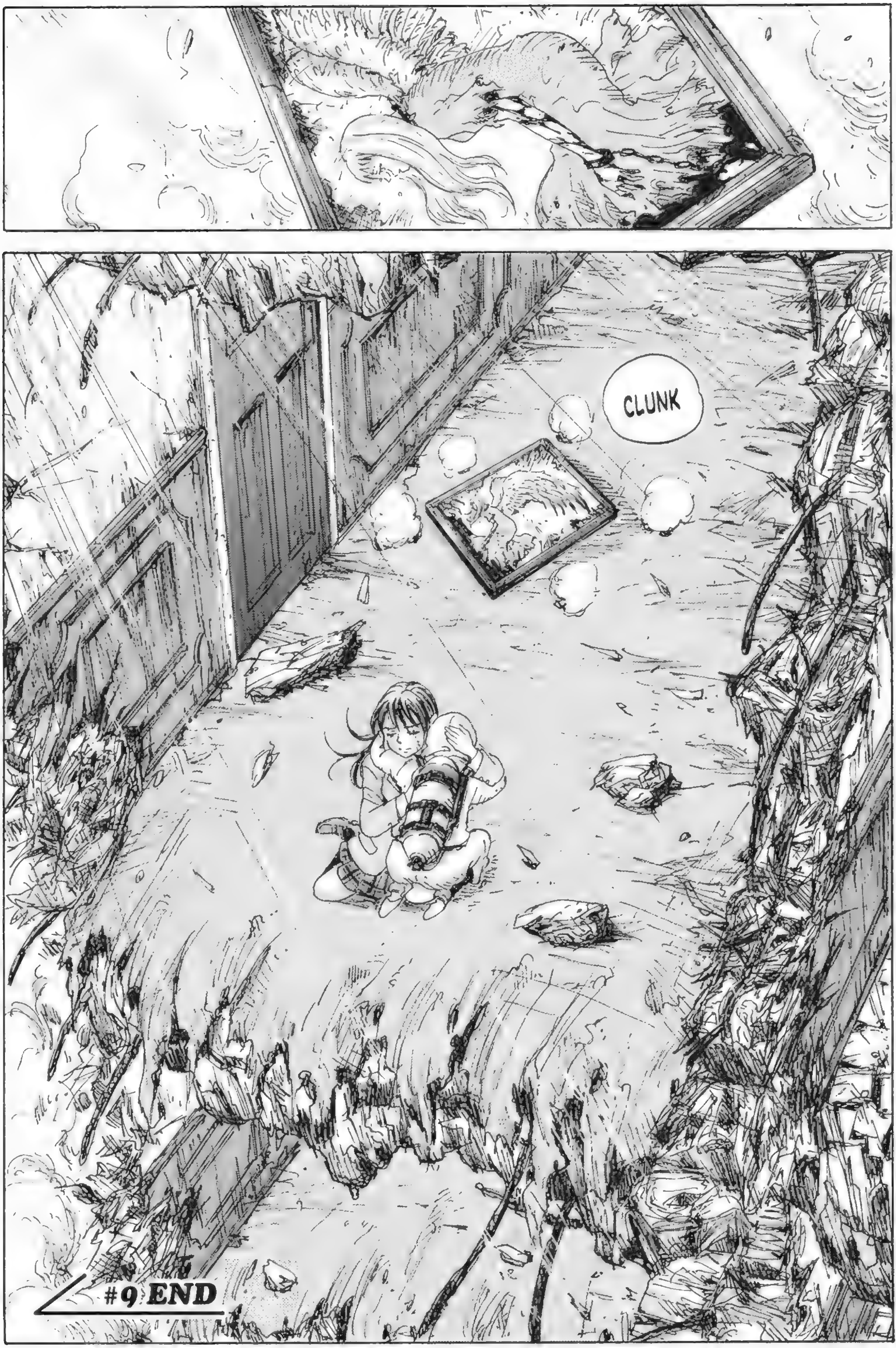

WHAP
ズドォォーン
FOOOOM
Holy...
It's collapsing!
FOOOOM
ゴ
ゴ
ゴ
Naru-se!


C...
ズル...
SLIP
Crap ...!!
Ibara!
No!
Vice Principal...
WHUP
WHUP
WHUP
WHUP
Hurry!
What are you waiting for?! Take us in!
I can't! The propellers will hit the hotel!
No!
ゴゴゴ
RUMBLE
Hold on!


...Take her hand...
?!
Here...
CRACKLE
Hurry...
Don't worry about me...
... okay?
Save her... Ibara.




WHUP
HOTEL VIDRA
WHUP
WHUP
Ahuh...
Ahun...
Hng...
Auntie ...!
Ahun...


CLUNK
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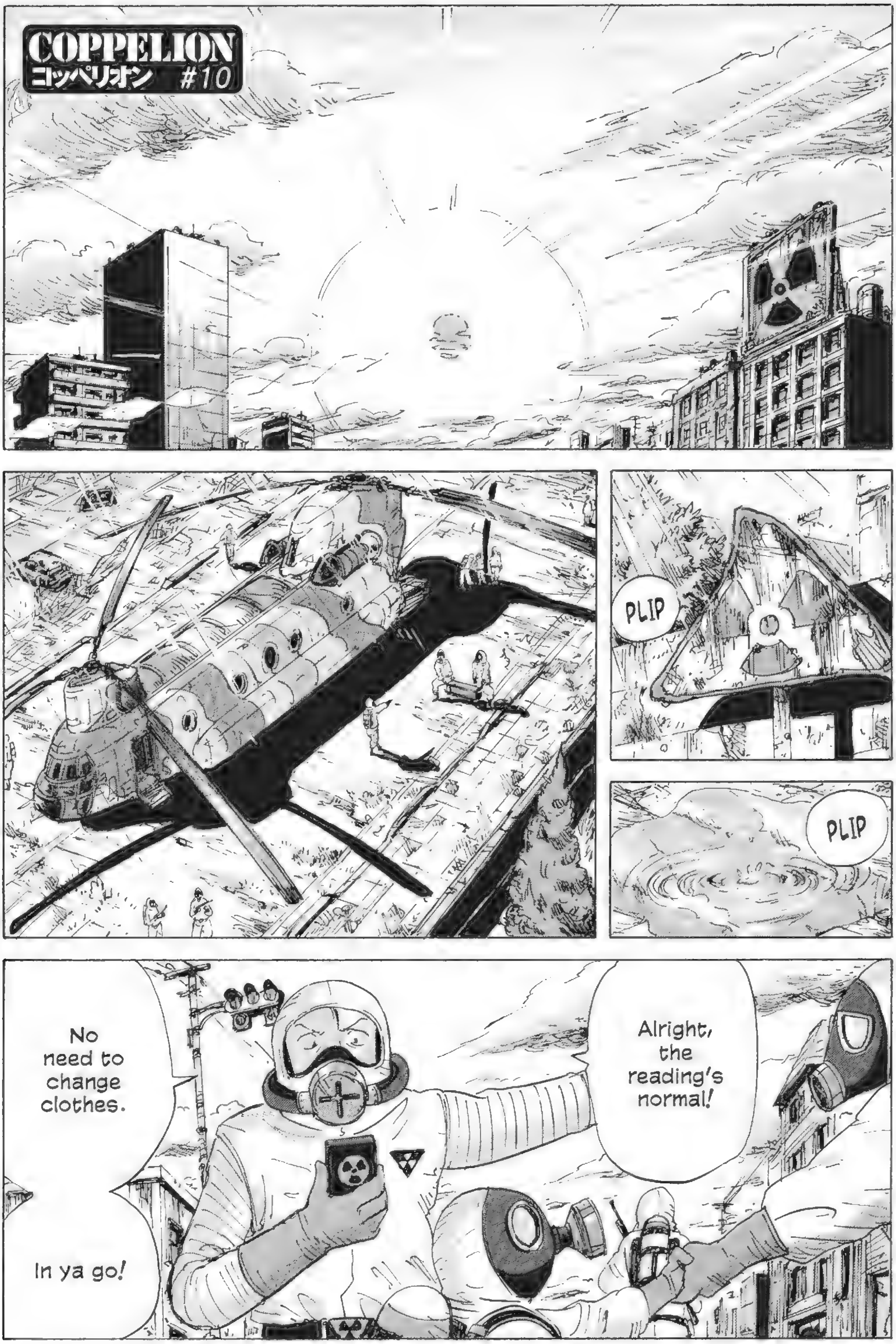
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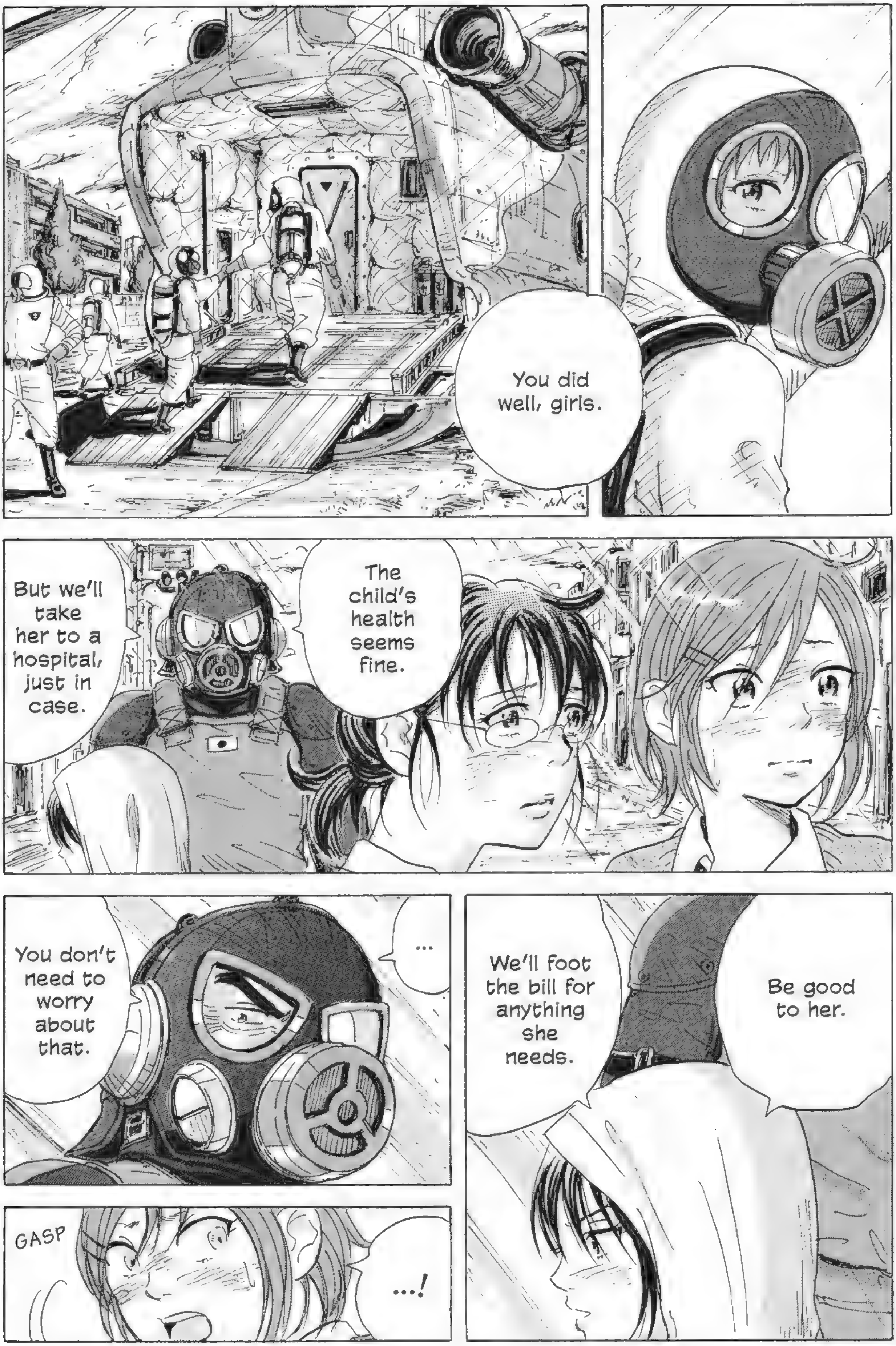
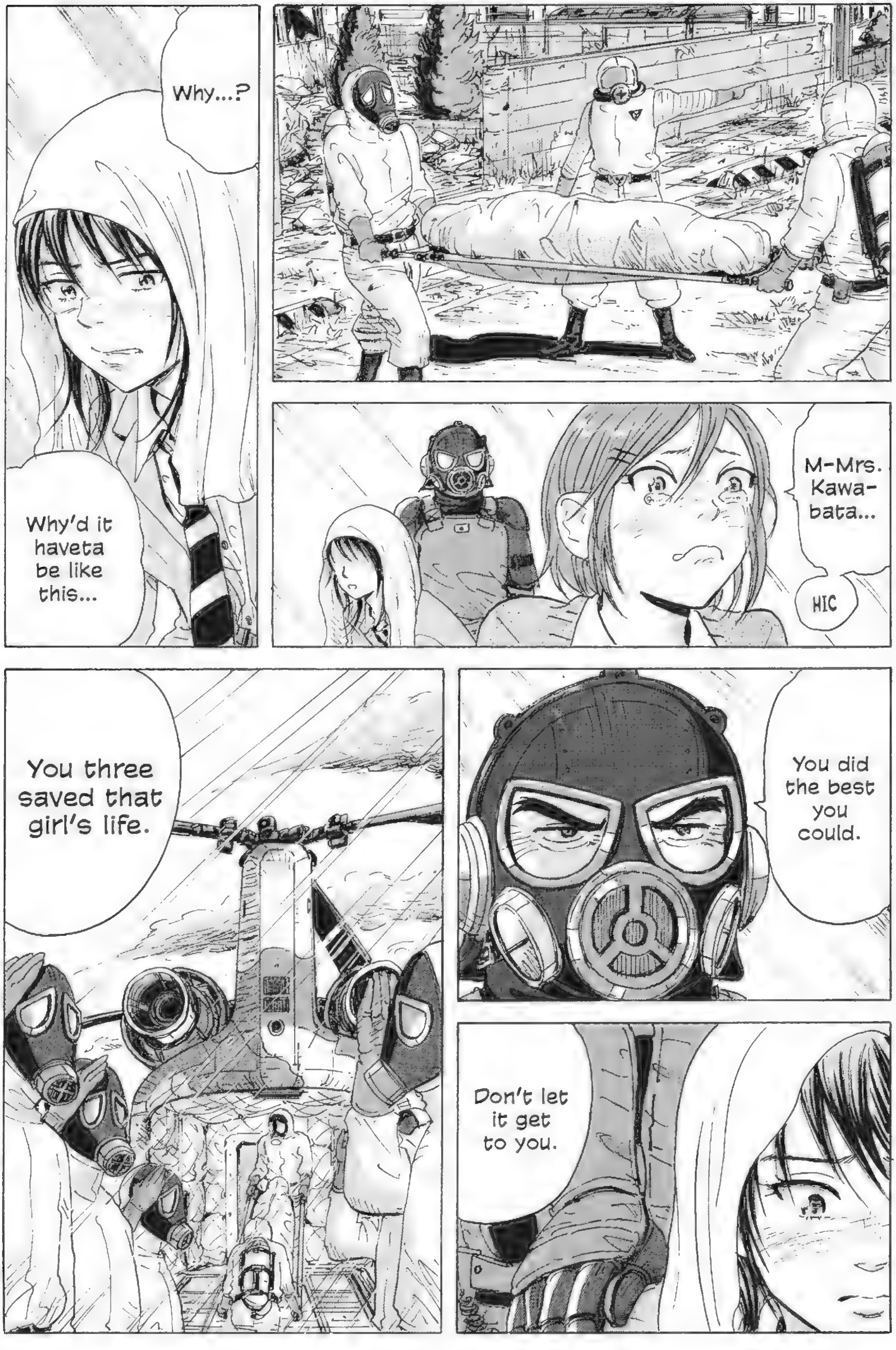
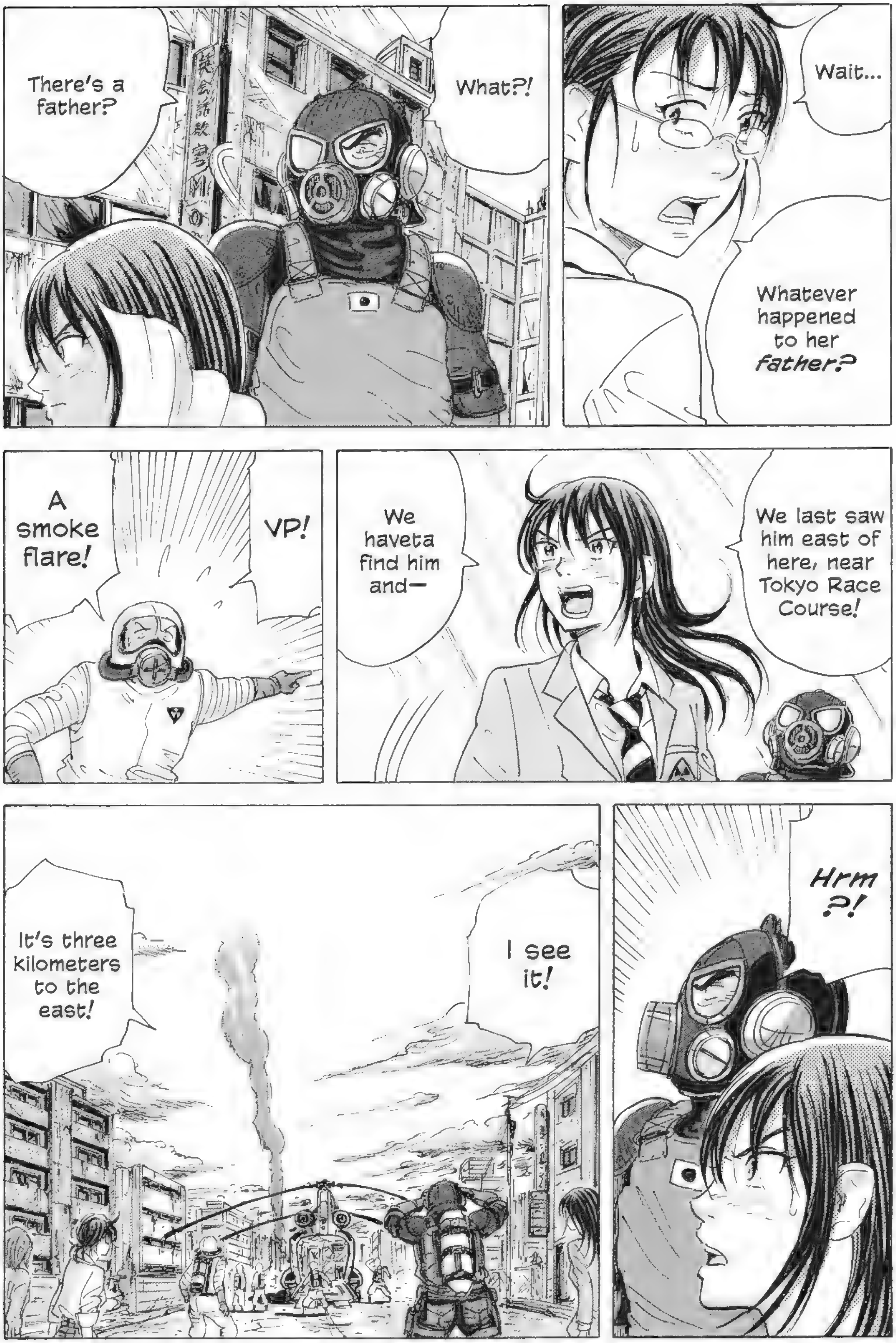
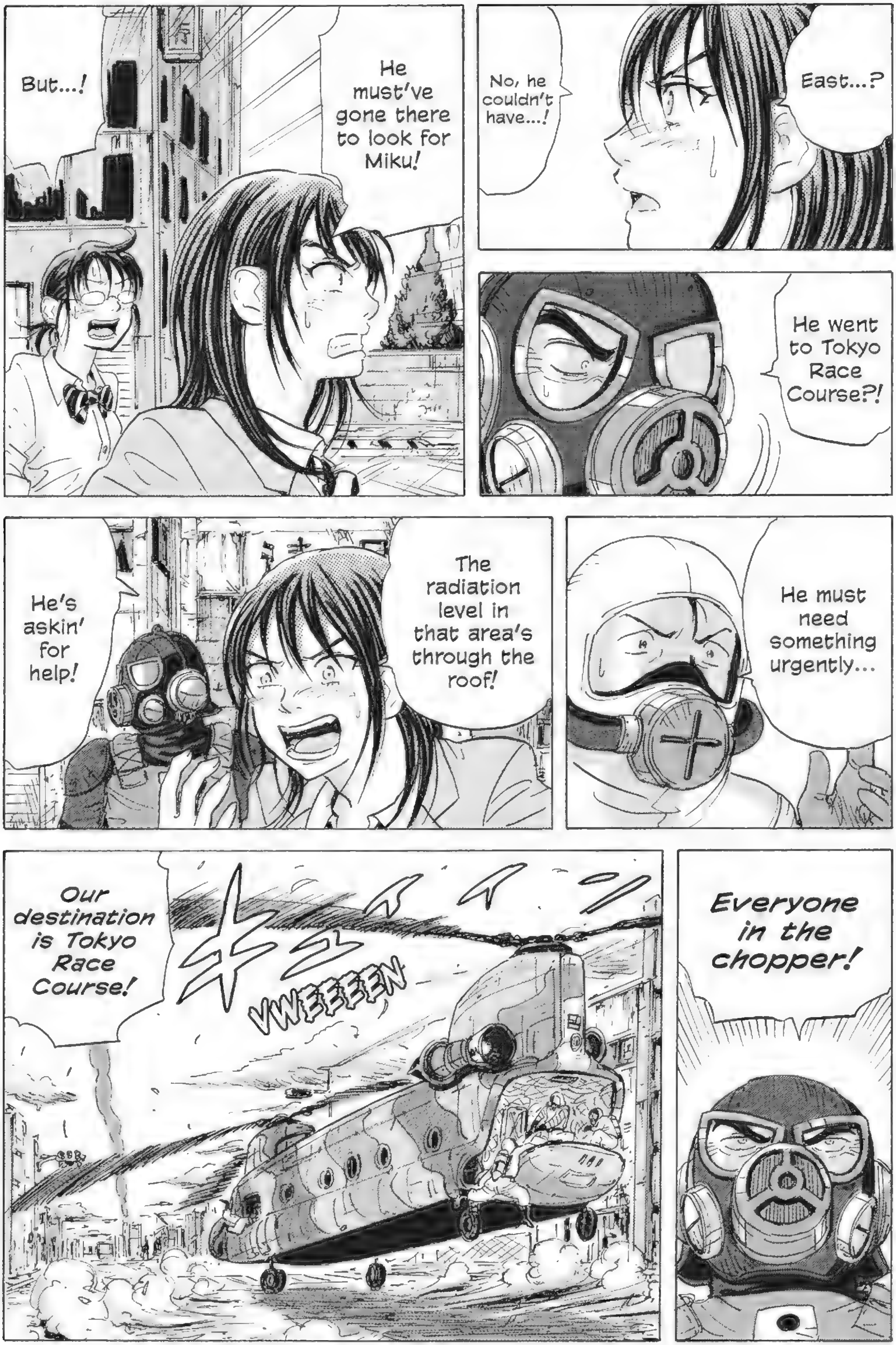
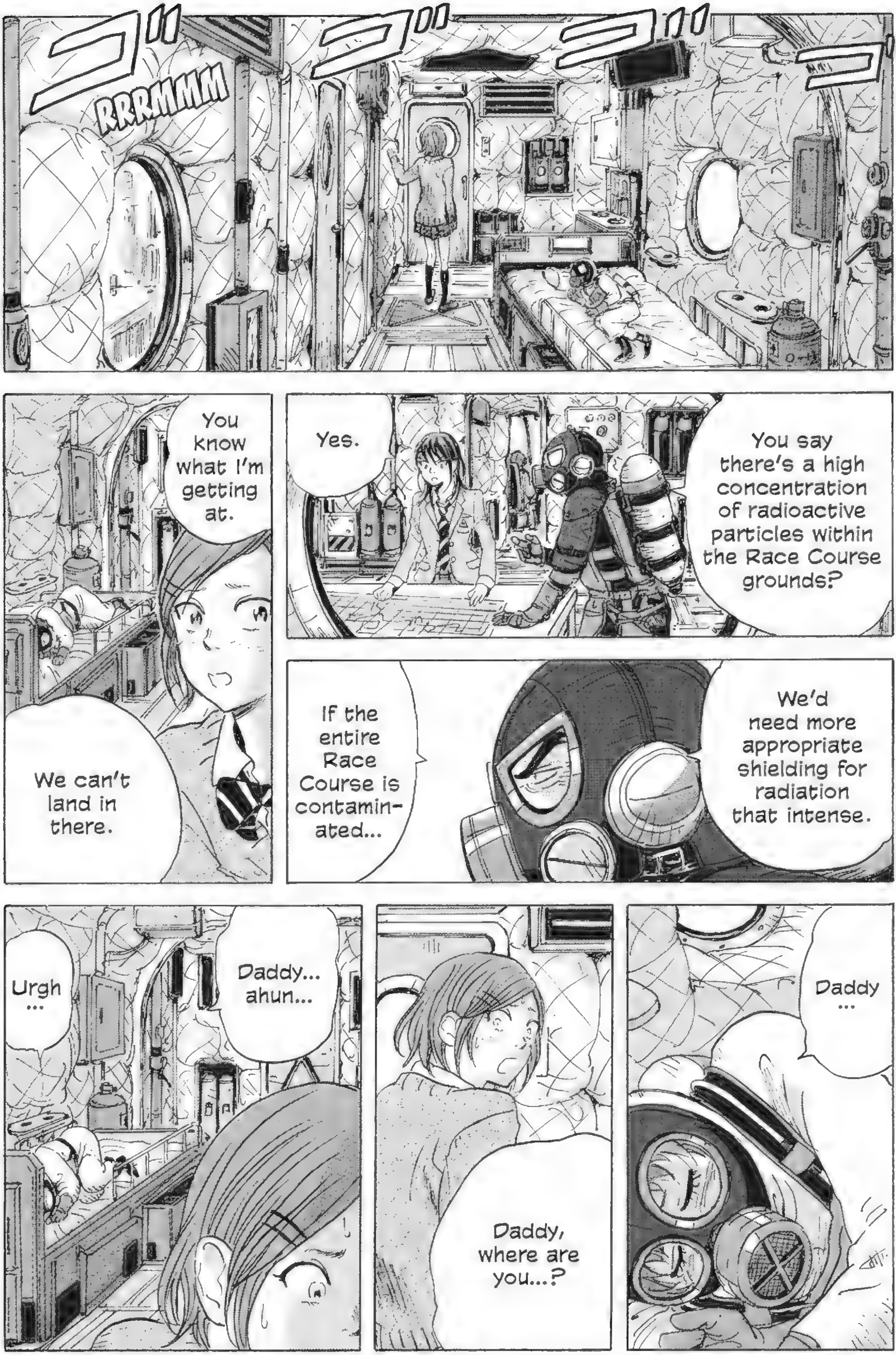
コッペリオン #10
PLIP
PLIP
Alright, the reading's normal!
No need to change clothes.
In ya go!

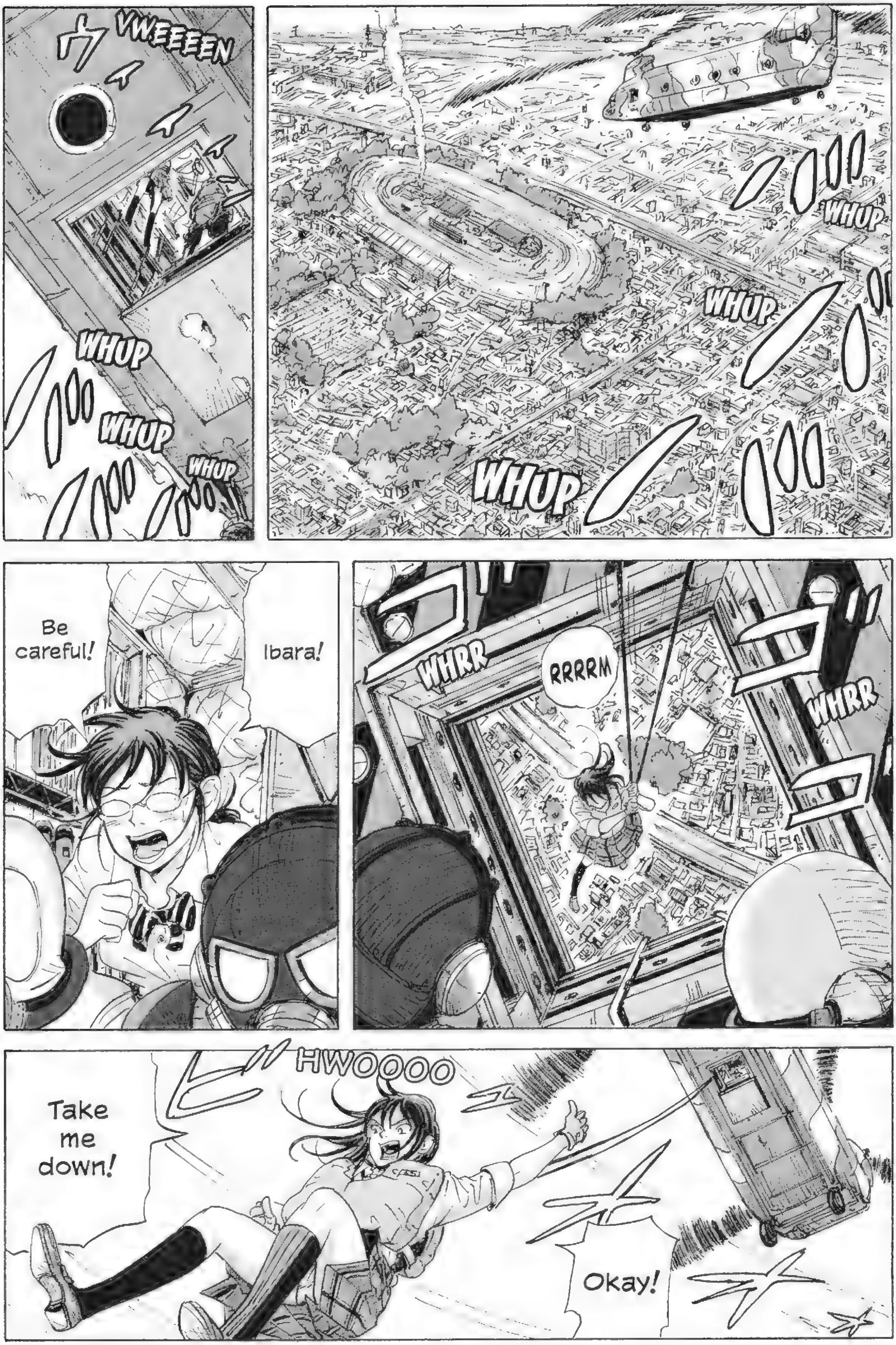

You did well, girls.
The child's health seems fine.
But we'll take her to a hospital, just in case.
Be good to her.
We'll foot the bill for anything she needs.
...
You don't need to worry about that.
...!
GASP

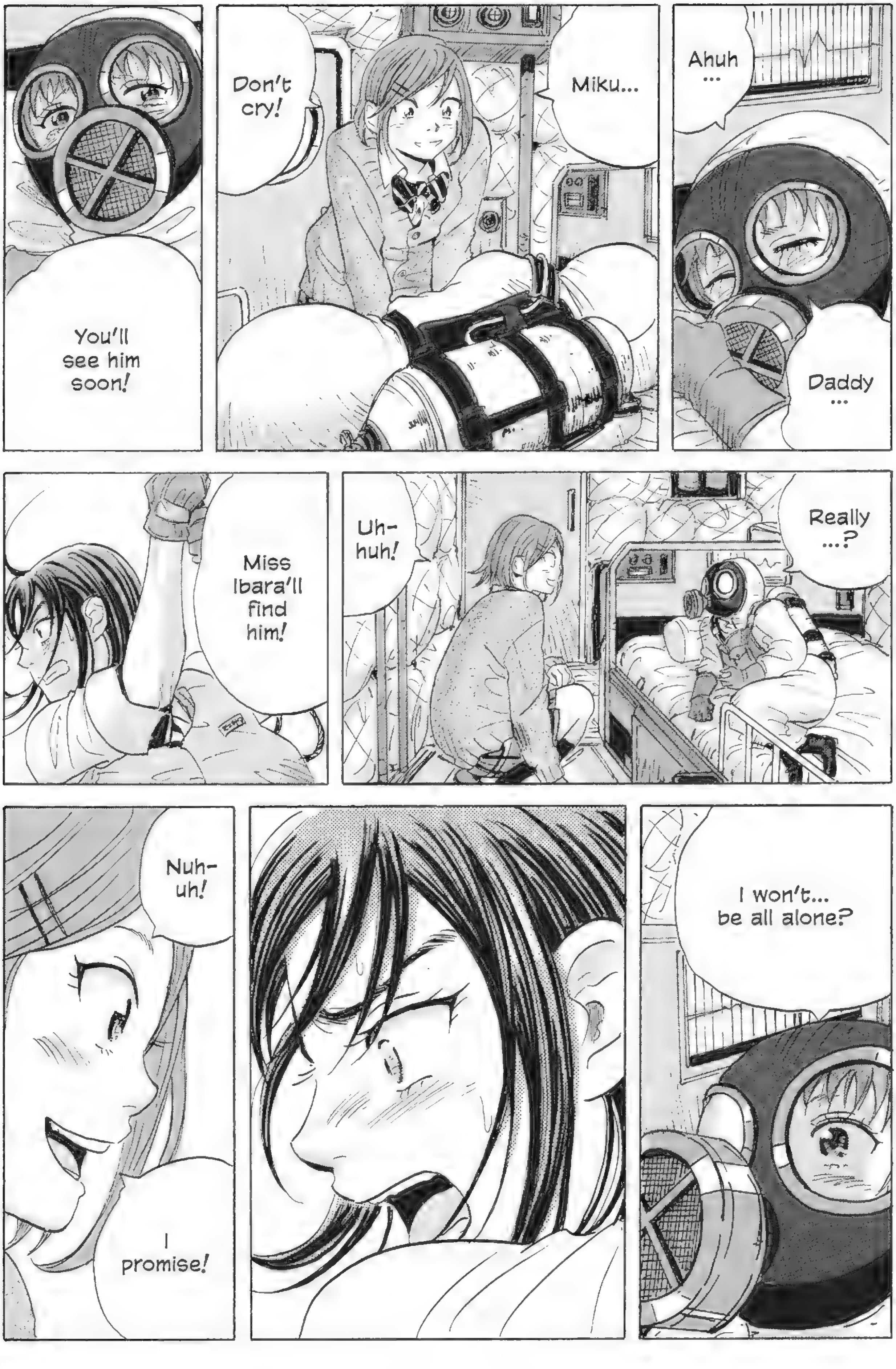

Why...?
Why'd it haveta be like this...
M-Mrs. Kawa-bata...
HIC
You did the best you could.
You three saved that girl's life.
Don't let it get to you.

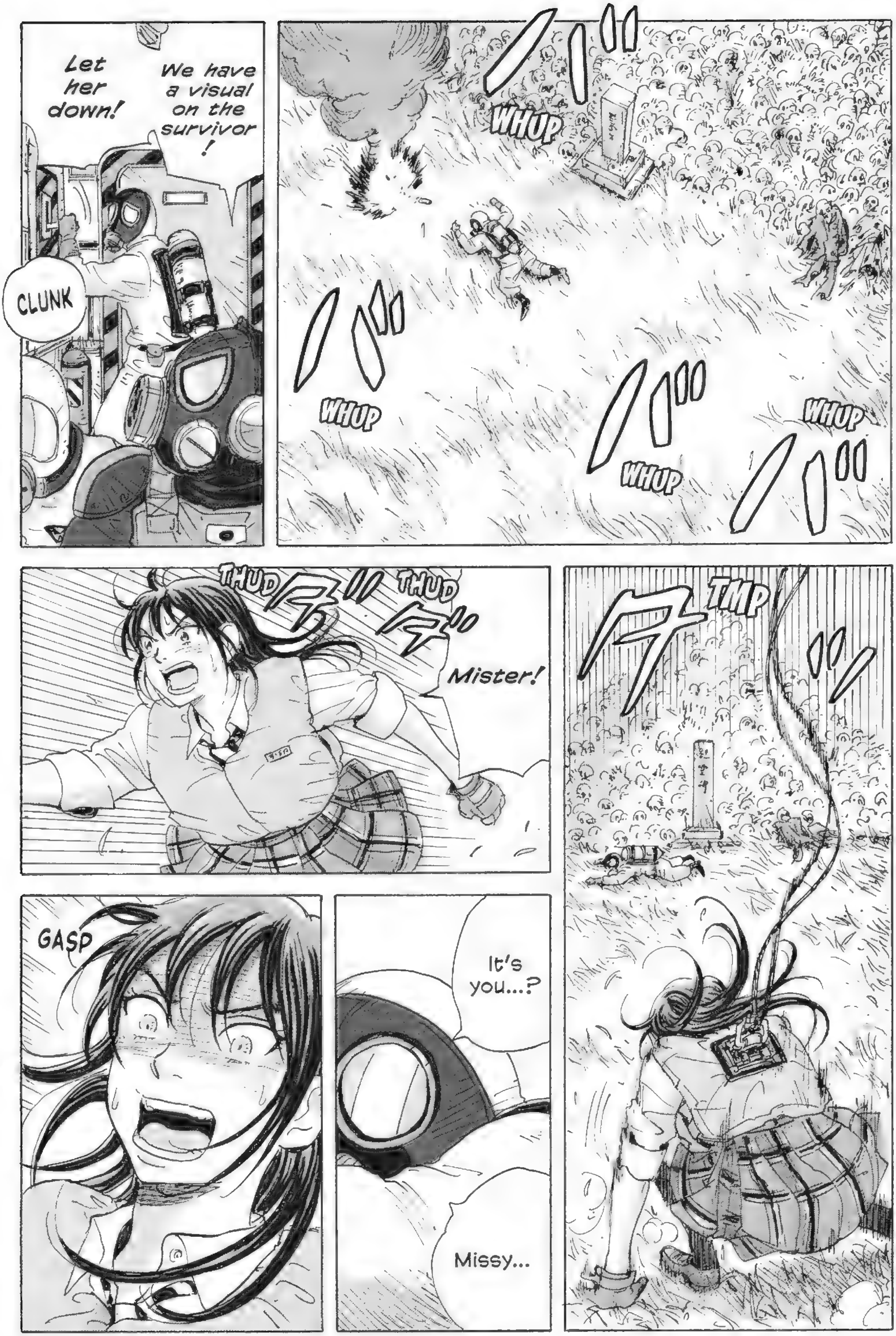

Wait...
Whatever happened to her *father?*
What?!
There's a father?
We last saw him east of here, near Tokyo Race Course!
We haveta find him and—
VP!
A smoke flare!
Hrm ?!
I see it!
It's three kilometers to the east!

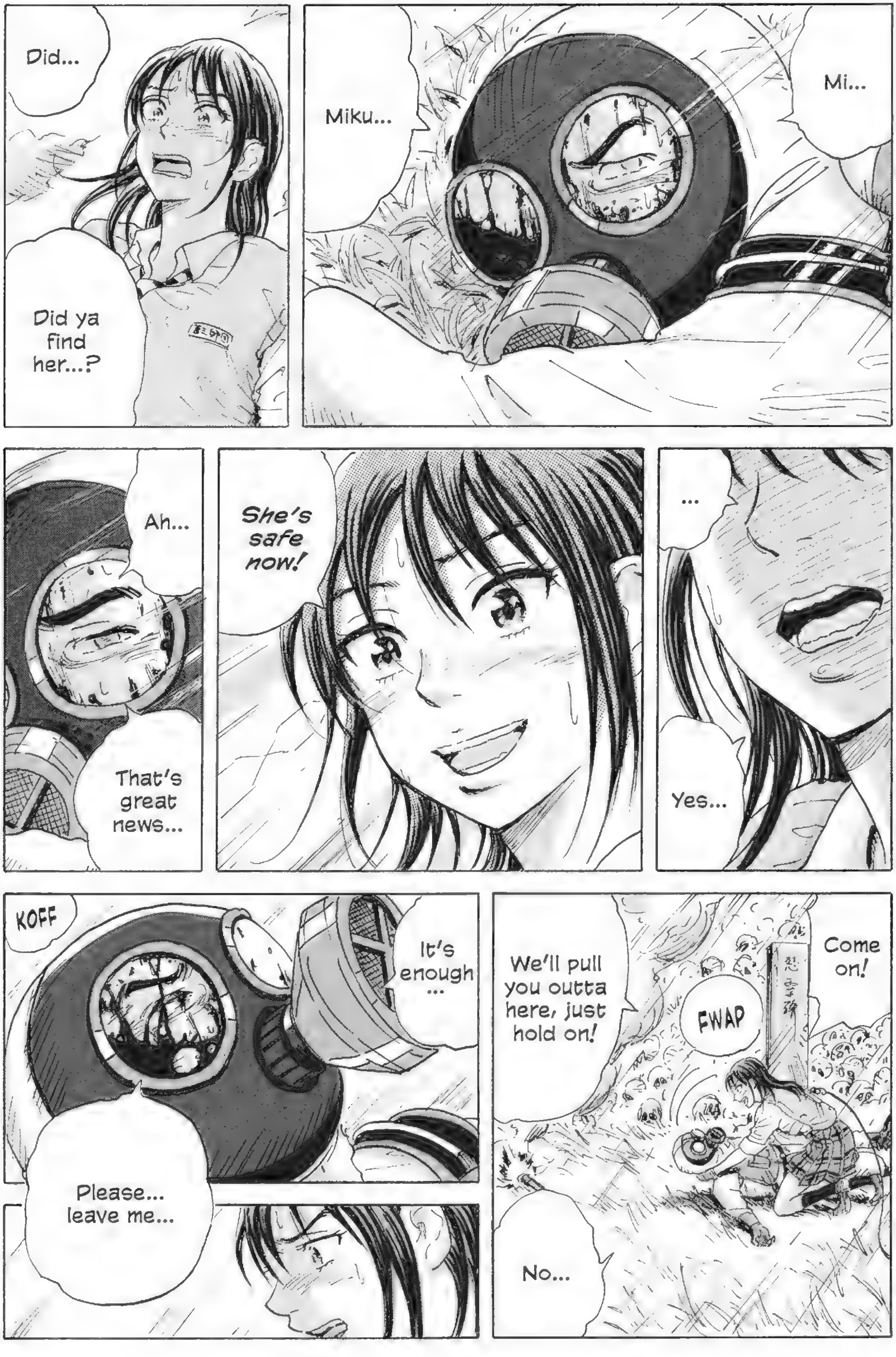

East...?
No, he couldn't have...!
He went to Tokyo Race Course?!
He must've gone there to look for Miku!
But...!
He must need something urgently...
The radiation level in that area's through the roof!
He's askin' for help!
Everyone in the chopper!
Our destination is Tokyo Race Course!
VWEEEEN

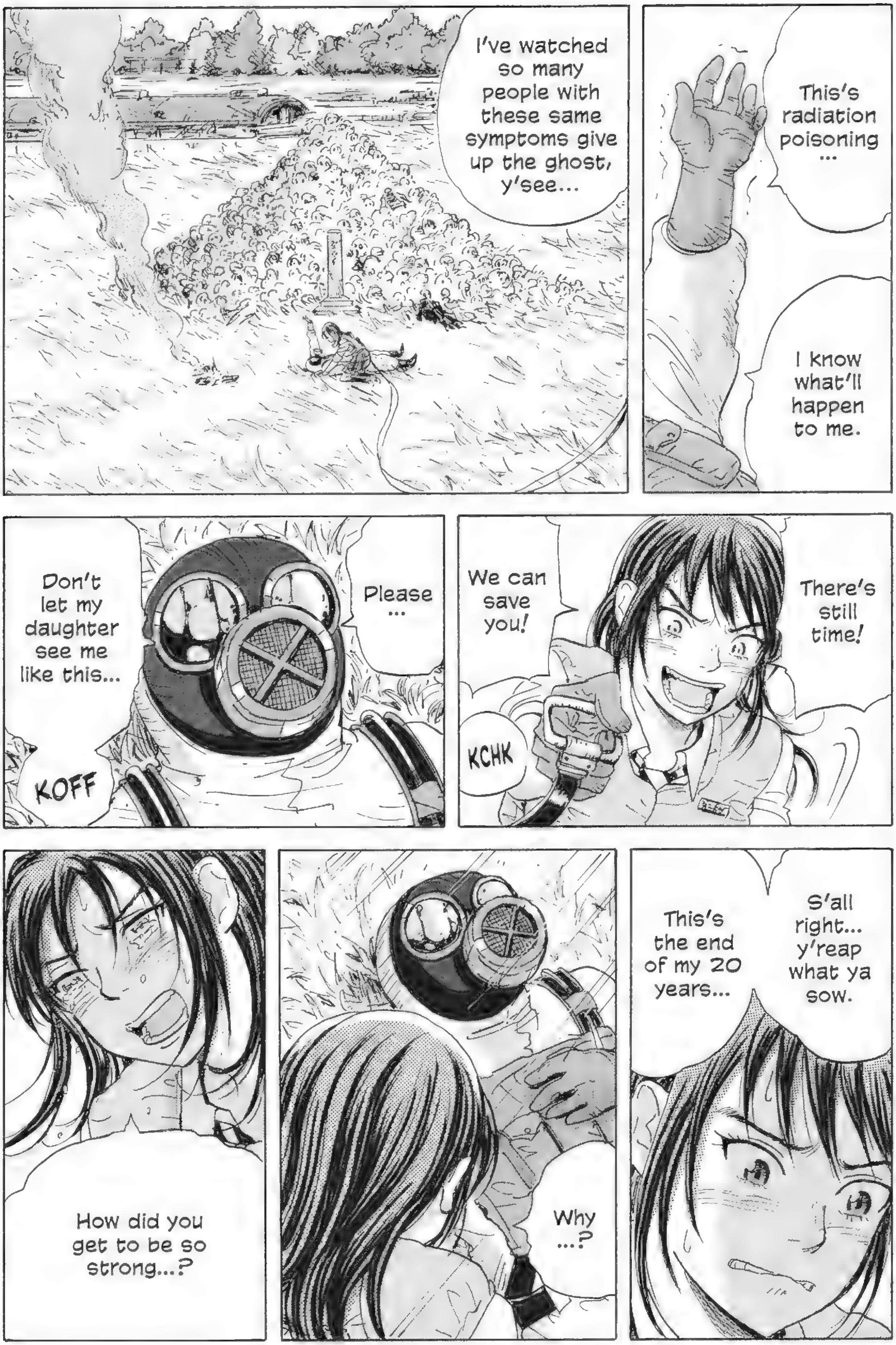

ゴ ゴ ゴ ゴ
RRRMMM
You say there's a high concentration of radioactive particles within the Race Course grounds?
Yes.
We'd need more appropriate shielding for radiation that intense.
If the entire Race Course is contaminated...
You know what I'm getting at.
We can't land in there.
Daddy...
Daddy, where are you...?
Daddy... ahun...
Urgh...

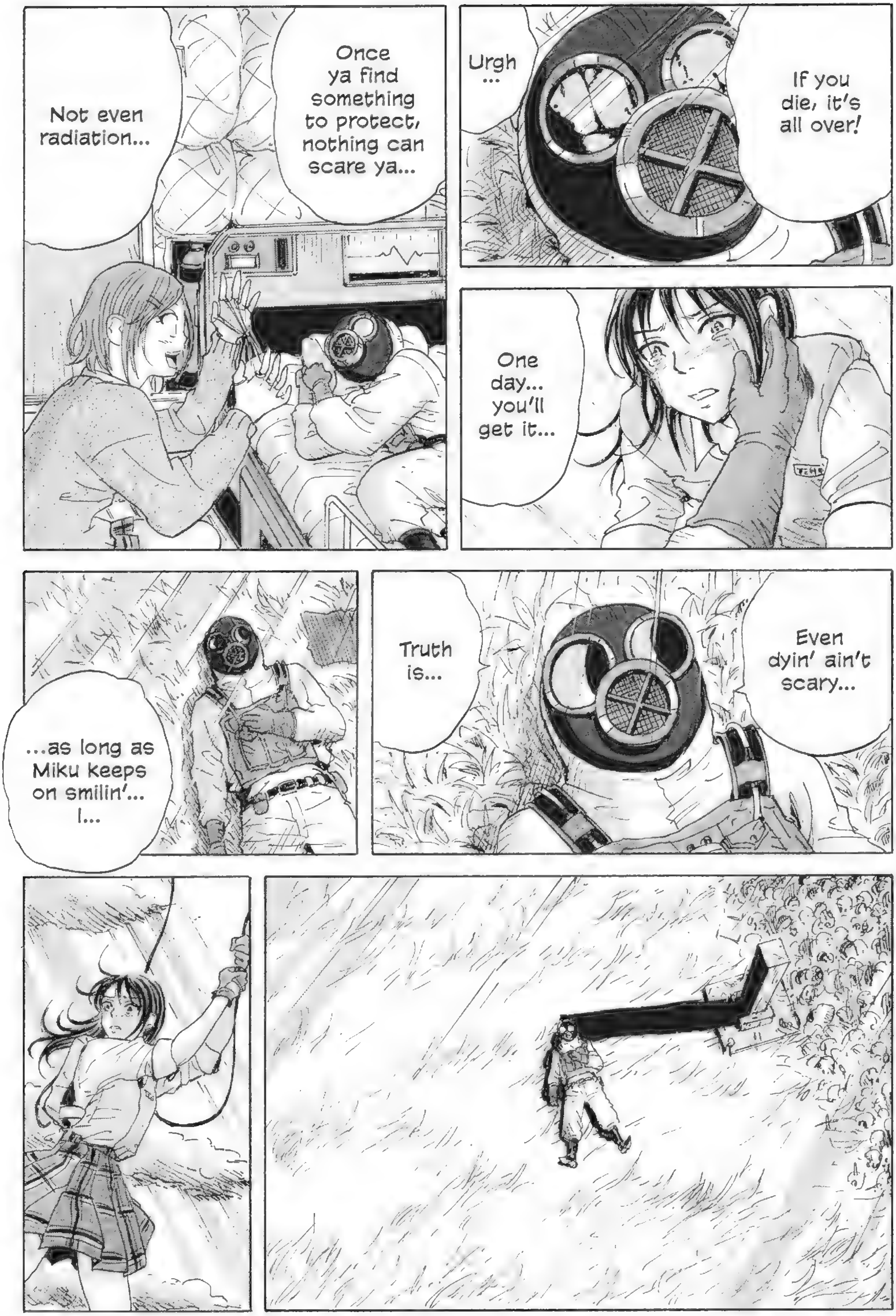

WHUP
WHUP
WHUP
WHUP
ウィィィ
VWEEEEN
WHUP
WHUP
WHUP
WHRR
RRRRM
WHRR
Ibara!
Be careful!
HWOOOO
Take me down!
Okay!

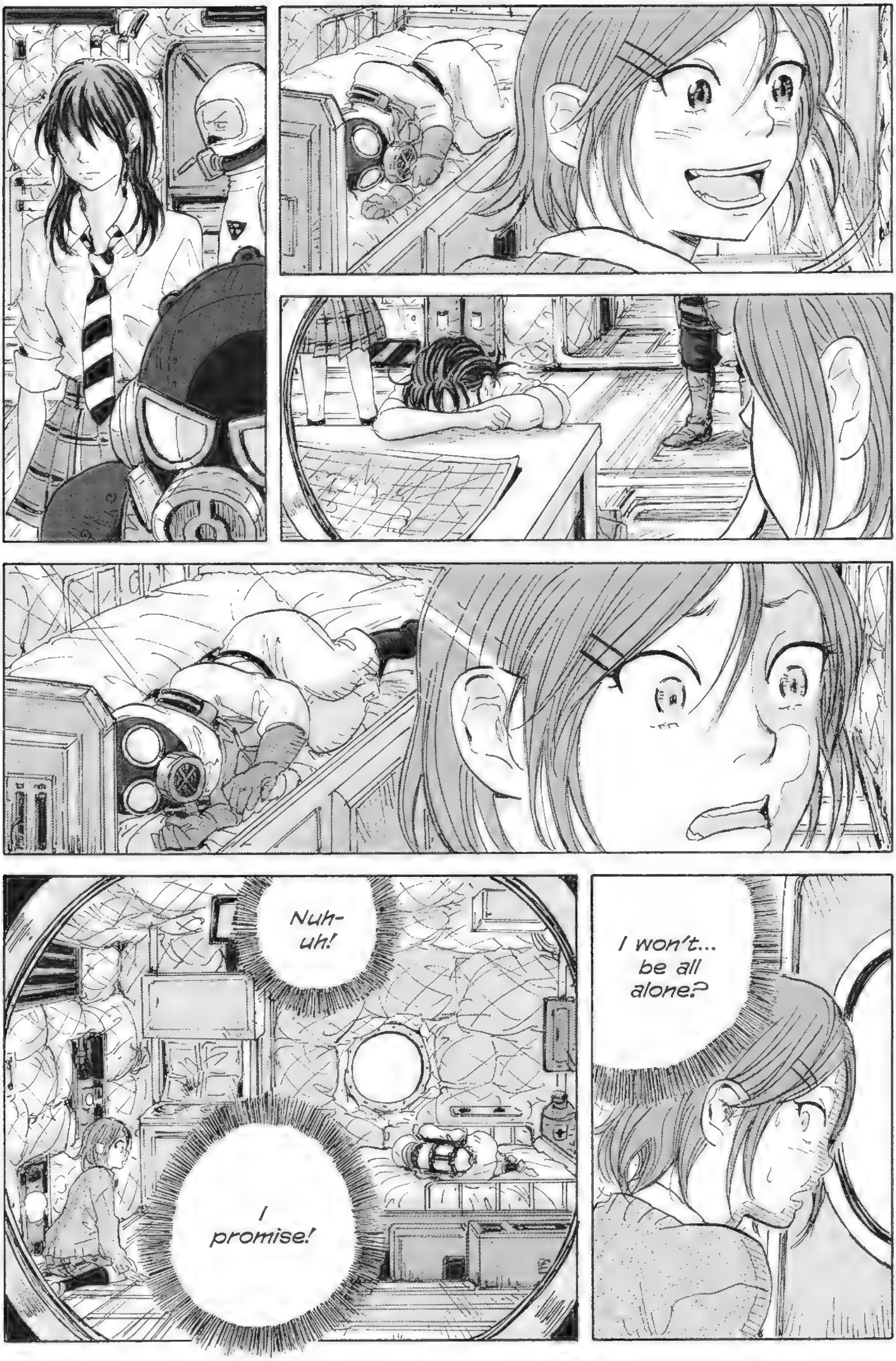

Ahuh
...
Daddy
...
Miku...
Don't cry!
You'll see him soon!
Really
...?
Uh-huh!
Miss Ibara'll find him!
I won't... be all alone?
Nuh-uh!
I promise!

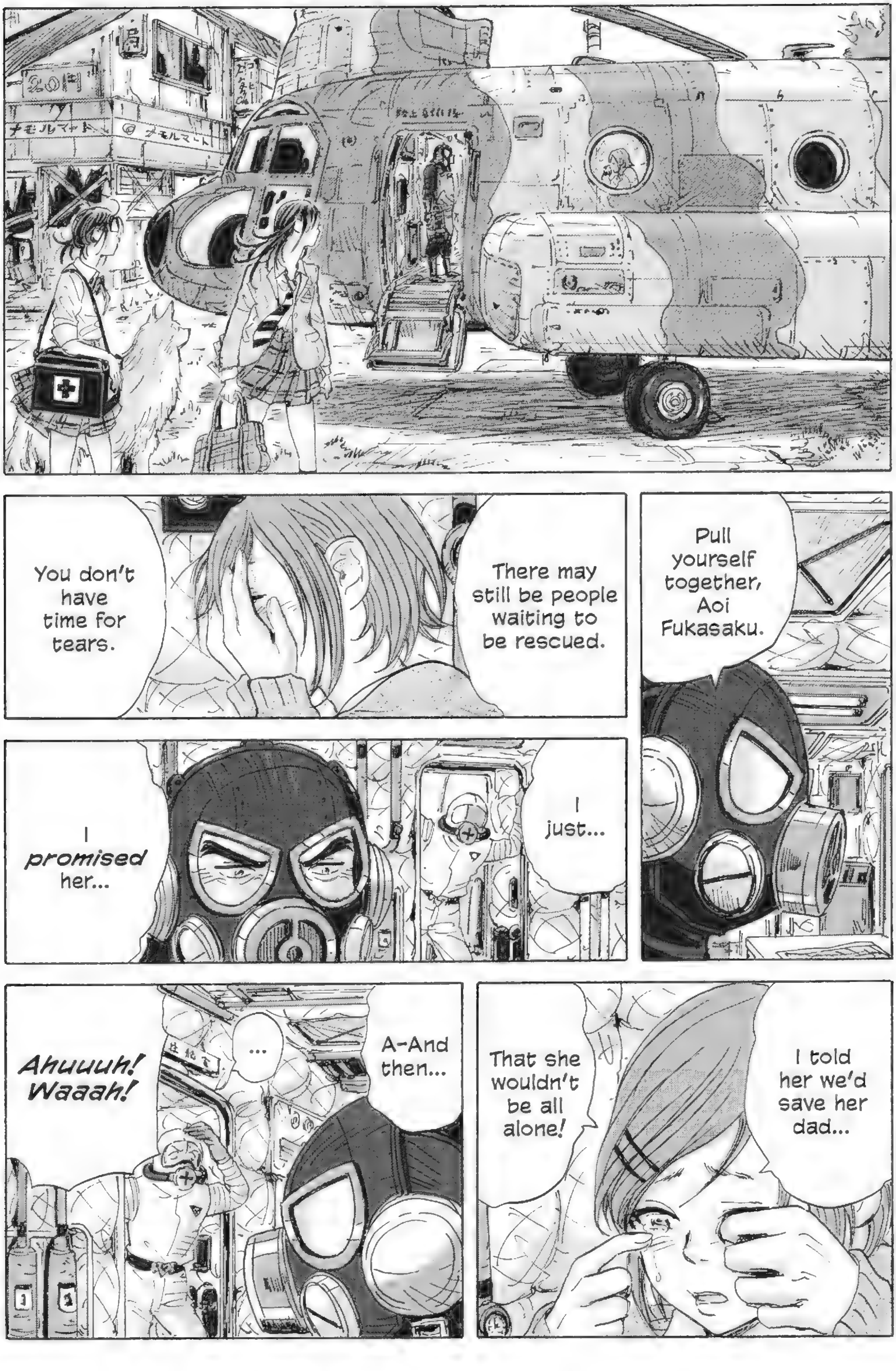

WHUP
WHUP
WHUP
WHUP
We have a visual on the survivor!
Let her down!
CLUNK
TMP
THUD THUD
Mister!
It's you...?
Missy...
GASP

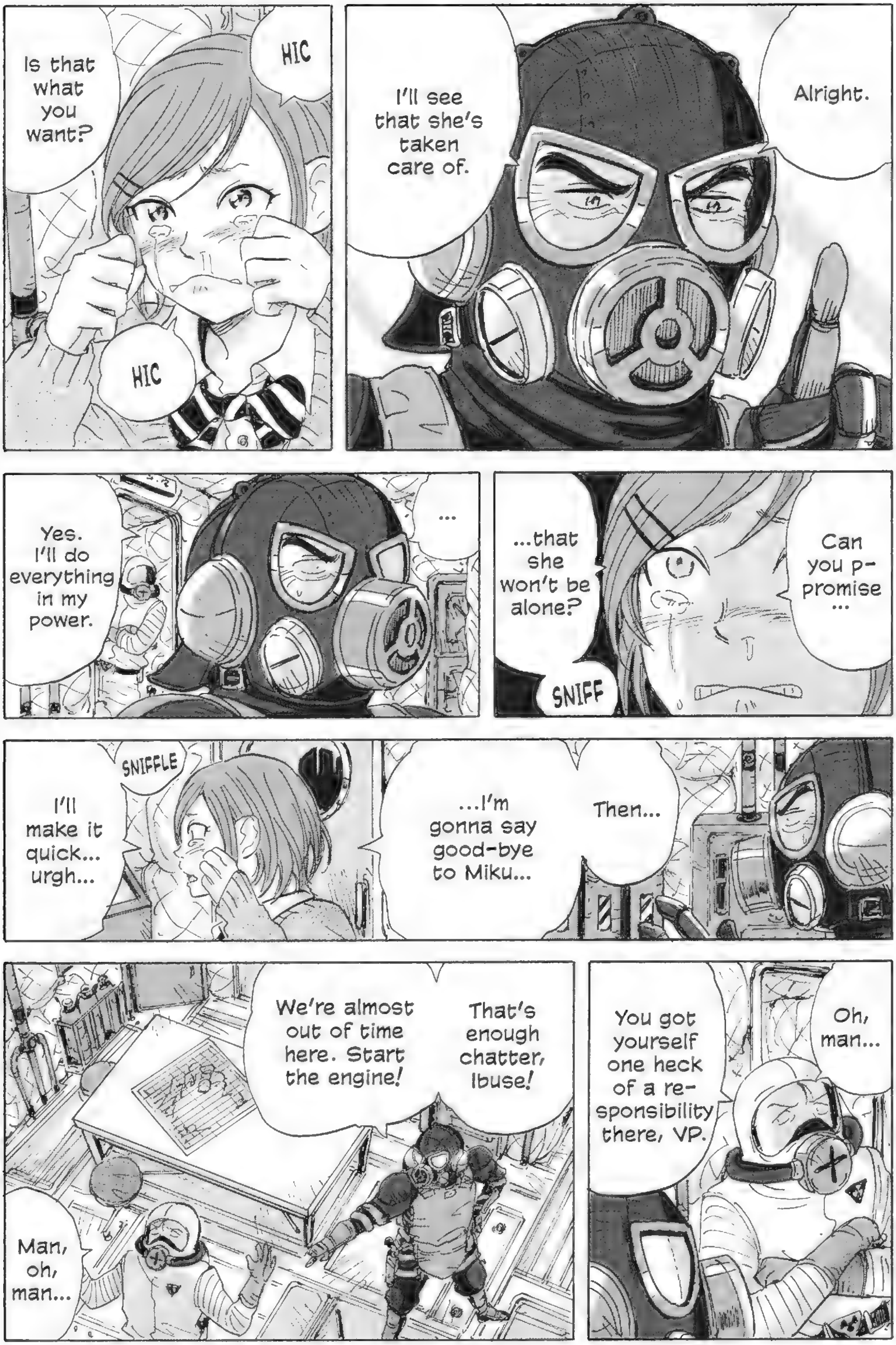

Mi...
Miku...
Did...
Did ya find her...?
...
Yes...
She's safe now!
Ah...
That's great news...
Come on!
FWAP
We'll pull you outta here, just hold on!
No...
KOFF
It's enough...
Please... leave me...

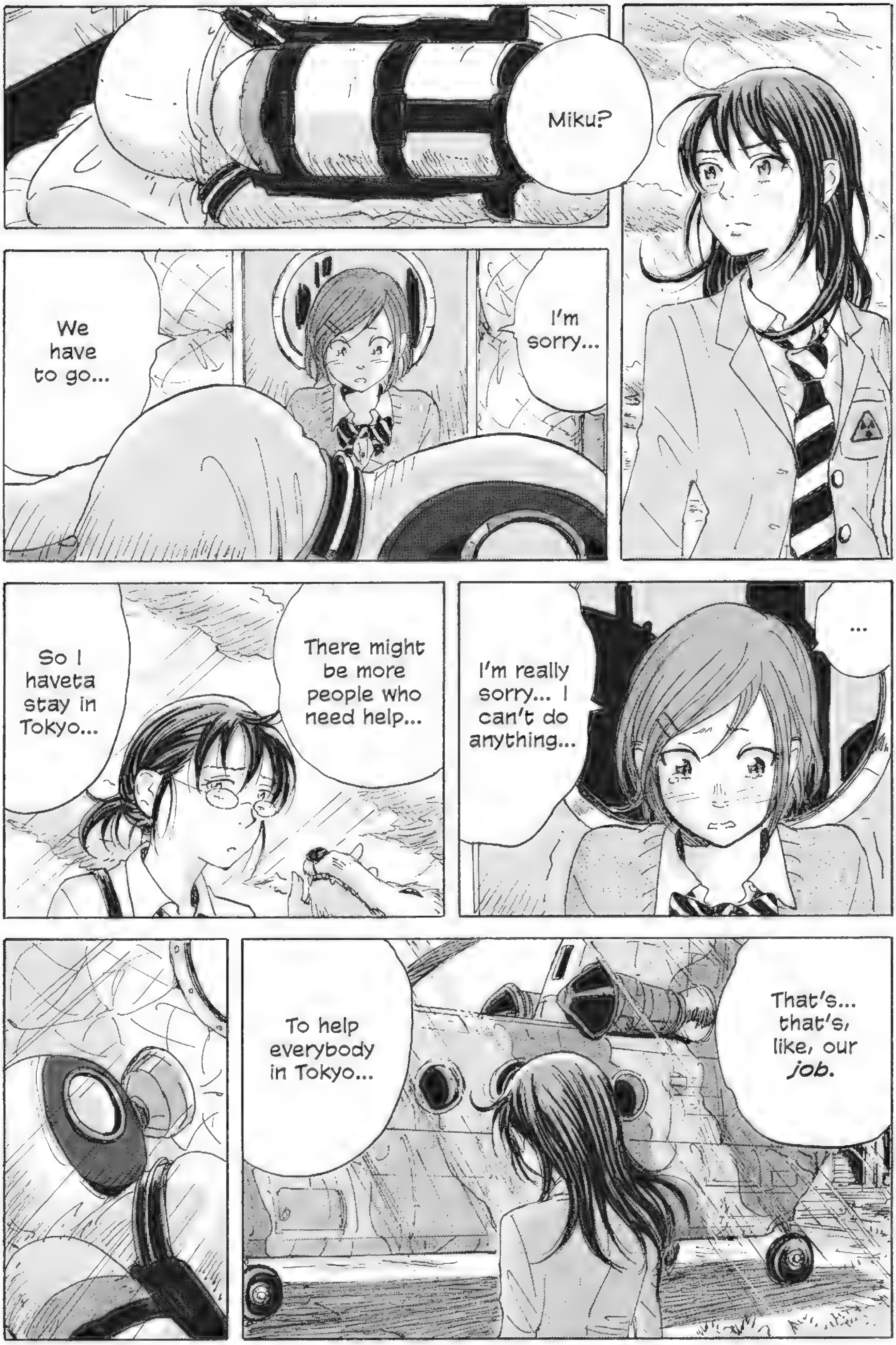

This's radiation poisoning...
I know what'll happen to me.
I've watched so many people with these same symptoms give up the ghost, y'see...
There's still time!
We can save you!
KCHK
Please...
Don't let my daughter see me like this...
KOFF
S'all right... y'reap what ya sow.
This's the end of my 20 years...
Why...?
How did you get to be so strong...?

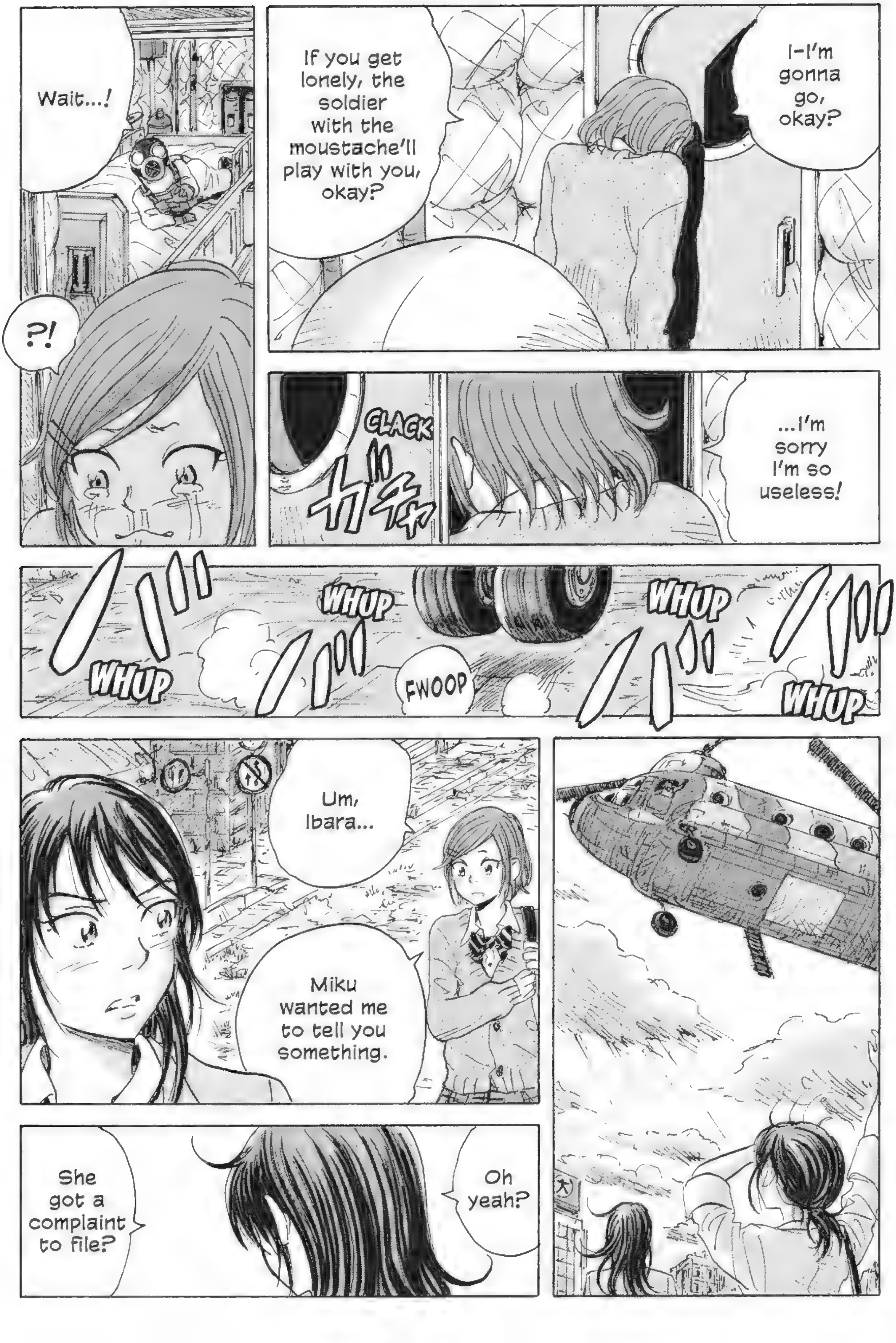

If you die, it's all over!
Urgh...
One day... you'll get it...
Once ya find something to protect, nothing can scare ya...
Not even radiation...
Truth is...
Even dyin' ain't scary...
...as long as Miku keeps on smilin'... I...

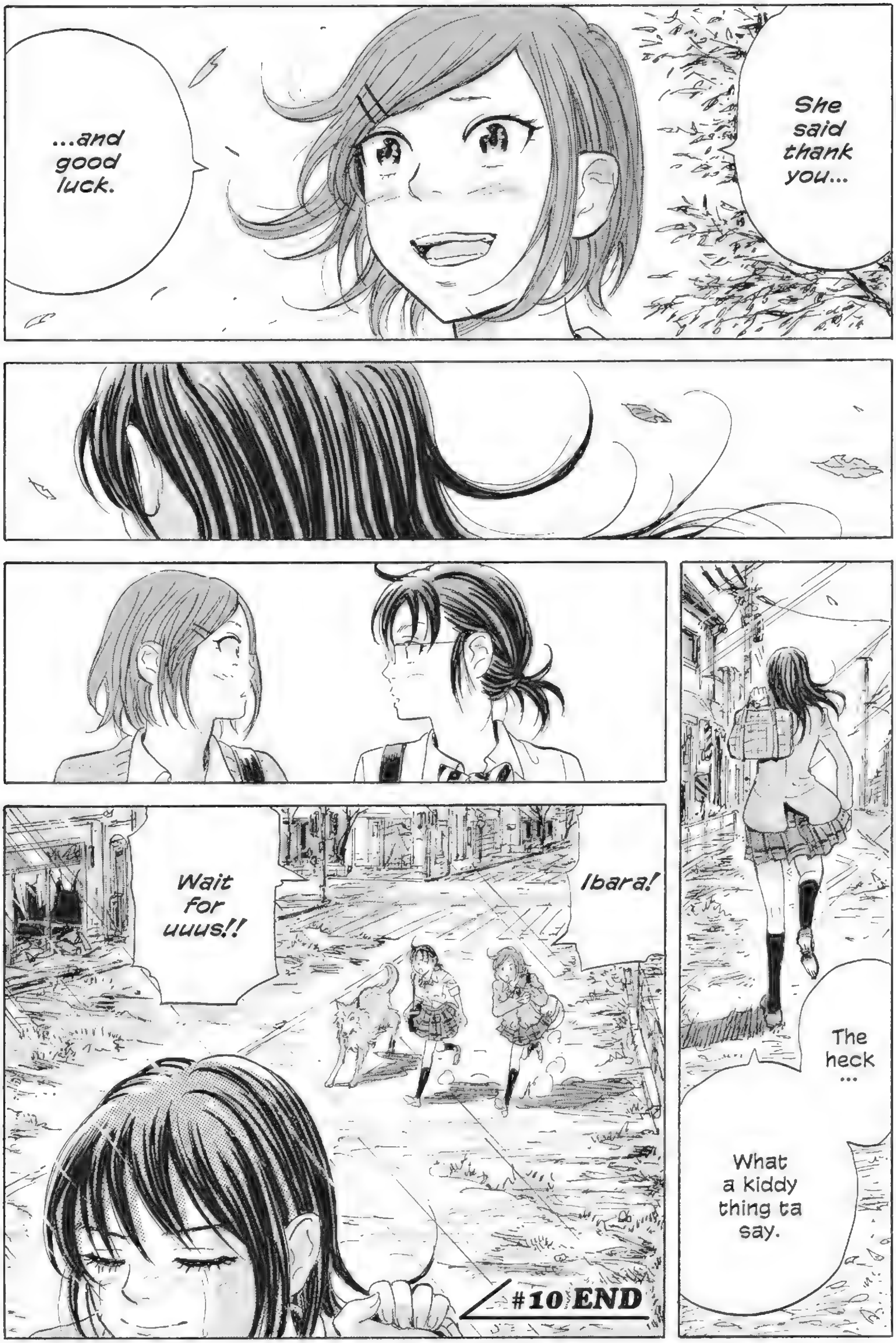

I won't... be all alone?
Nuh-uh!
I promise!


20円
ナモルマート
Pull yourself together, Aoi Fukasaku.
There may still be people waiting to be rescued.
You don't have time for tears.
I just...
I *promised* her...
I told her we'd save her dad...
That she wouldn't be all alone!
A-And then...
...
Ahuuuh! Waaah!


Alright.
I'll see that she's taken care of.
HIC
Is that what you want?
HIC
Can you p-promise...
...that she won't be alone?
SNIFF
...
Yes. I'll do everything in my power.
Then...
...I'm gonna say good-bye to Miku...
SNIFFLE
I'll make it quick... urgh...
Oh, man...
You got yourself one heck of a responsibility there, VP.
That's enough chatter, Ibuse!
We're almost out of time here. Start the engine!
Man, oh, man...


Miku?
I'm sorry...
We have to go...
...
I'm really sorry... I can't do anything...
There might be more people who need help...
So I haveta stay in Tokyo...
That's... that's, like, our *job*.
To help everybody in Tokyo...


I-I'm gonna go, okay?
If you get lonely, the soldier with the moustache'll play with you, okay?
...I'm sorry I'm so useless!
CLACK
ガチャ
Wait...!
?!
WHUP
WHUP
WHUP
FWOOP
WHUP
大
Um, Ibara...
Miku wanted me to tell you something.
Oh yeah?
She got a complaint to file?


She said thank you...
...and good luck.
The heck...
What a kiddy thing ta say.
Ibara!
Wait for uuus!!
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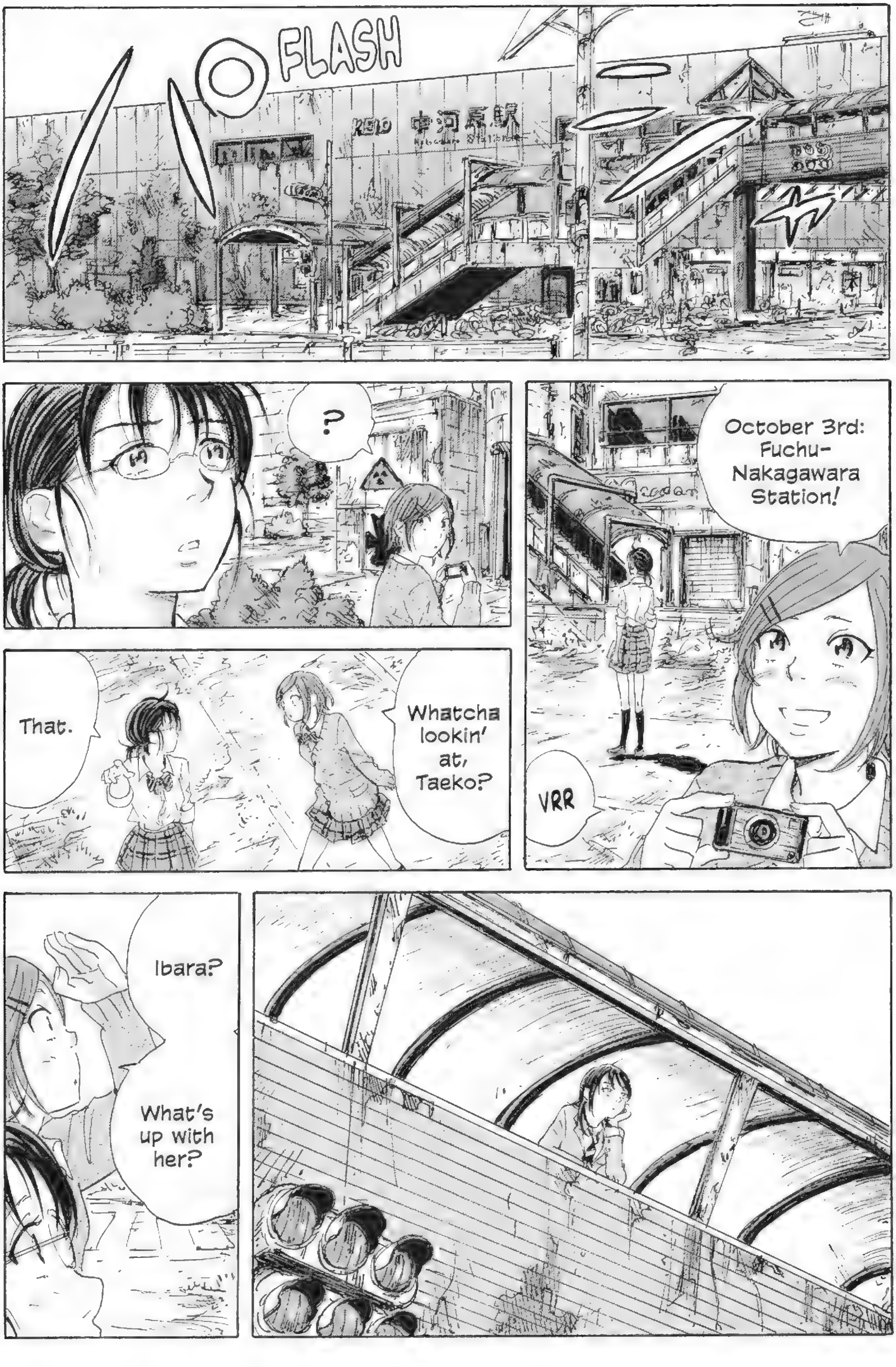
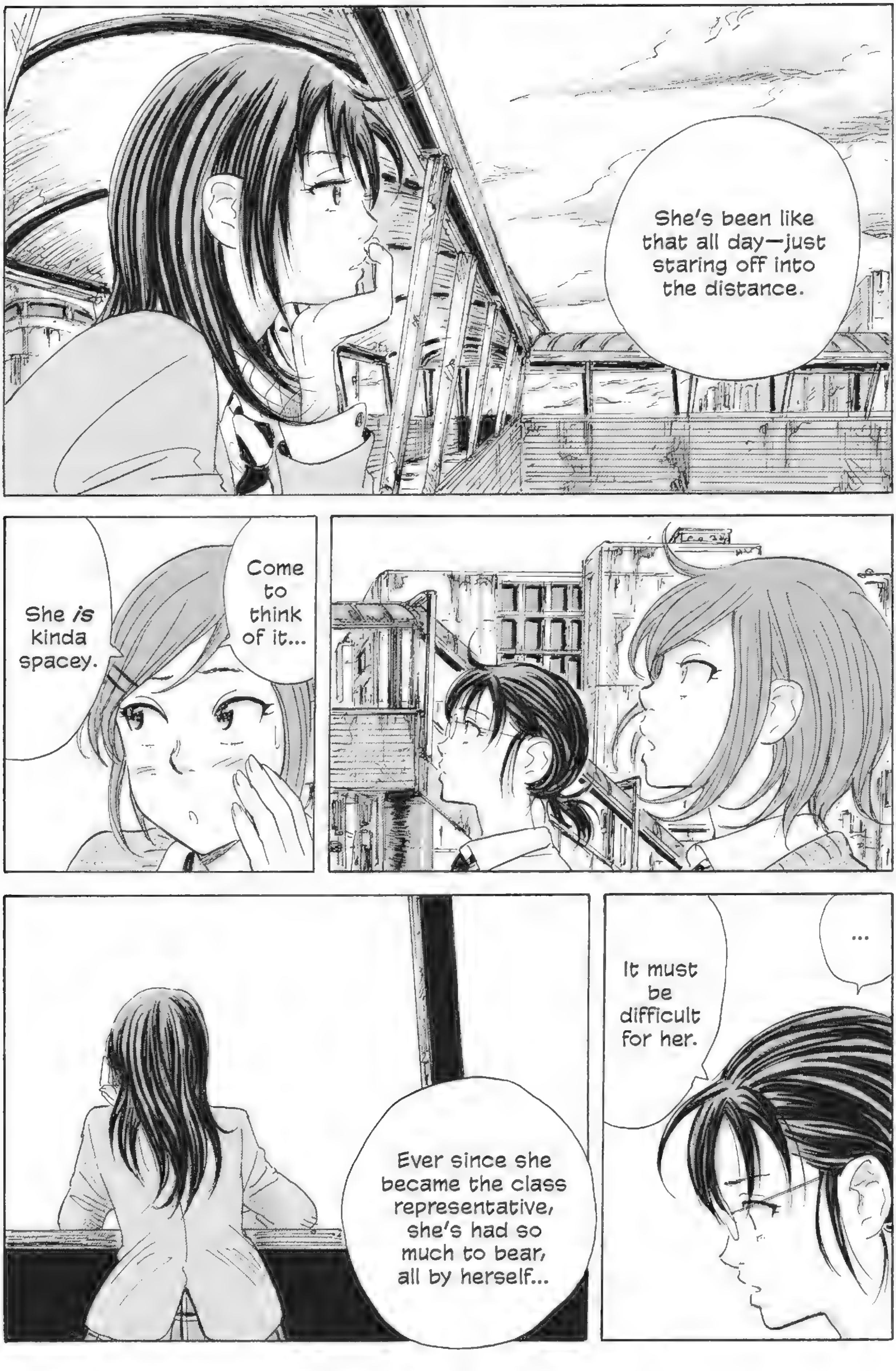
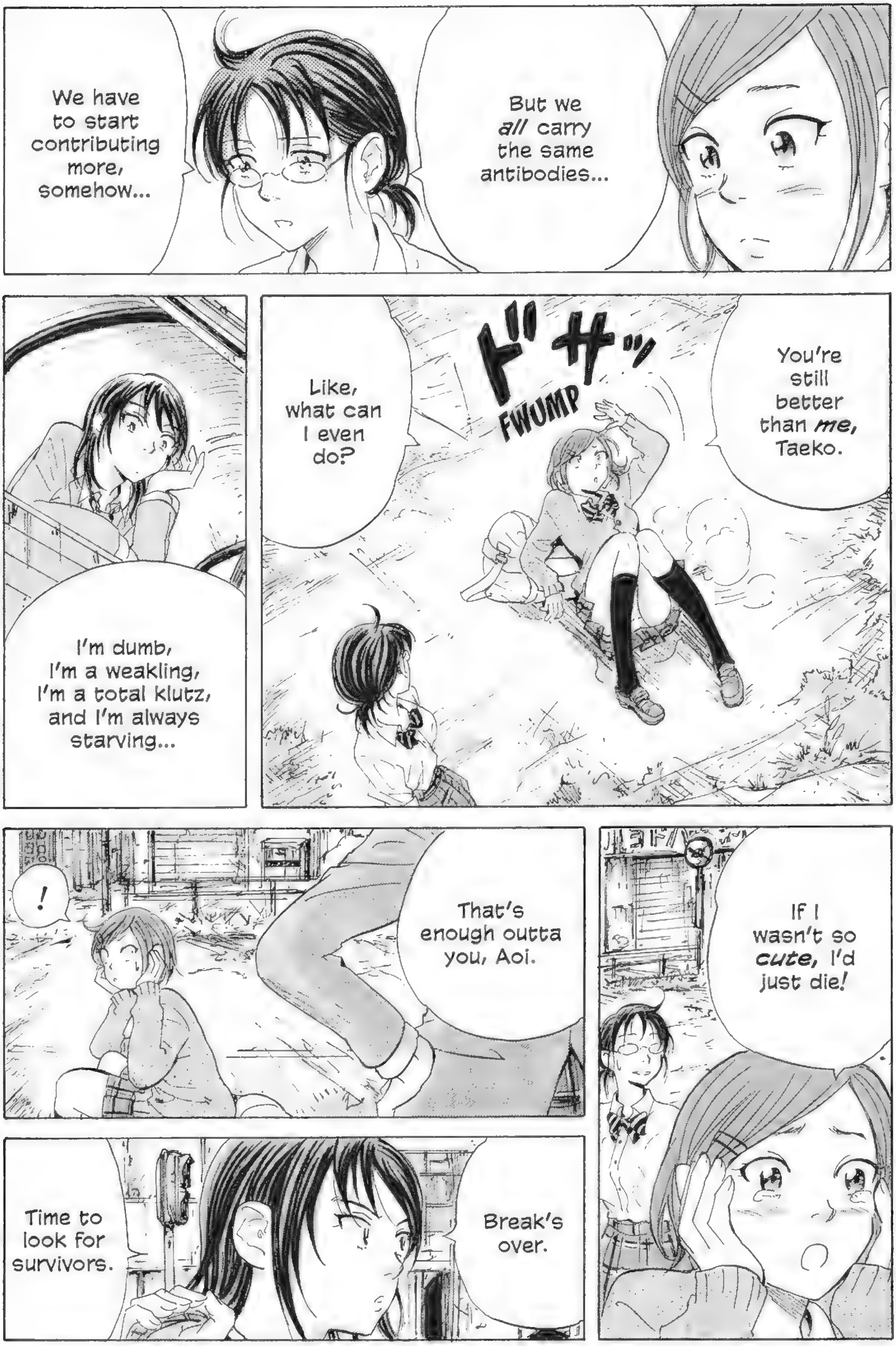
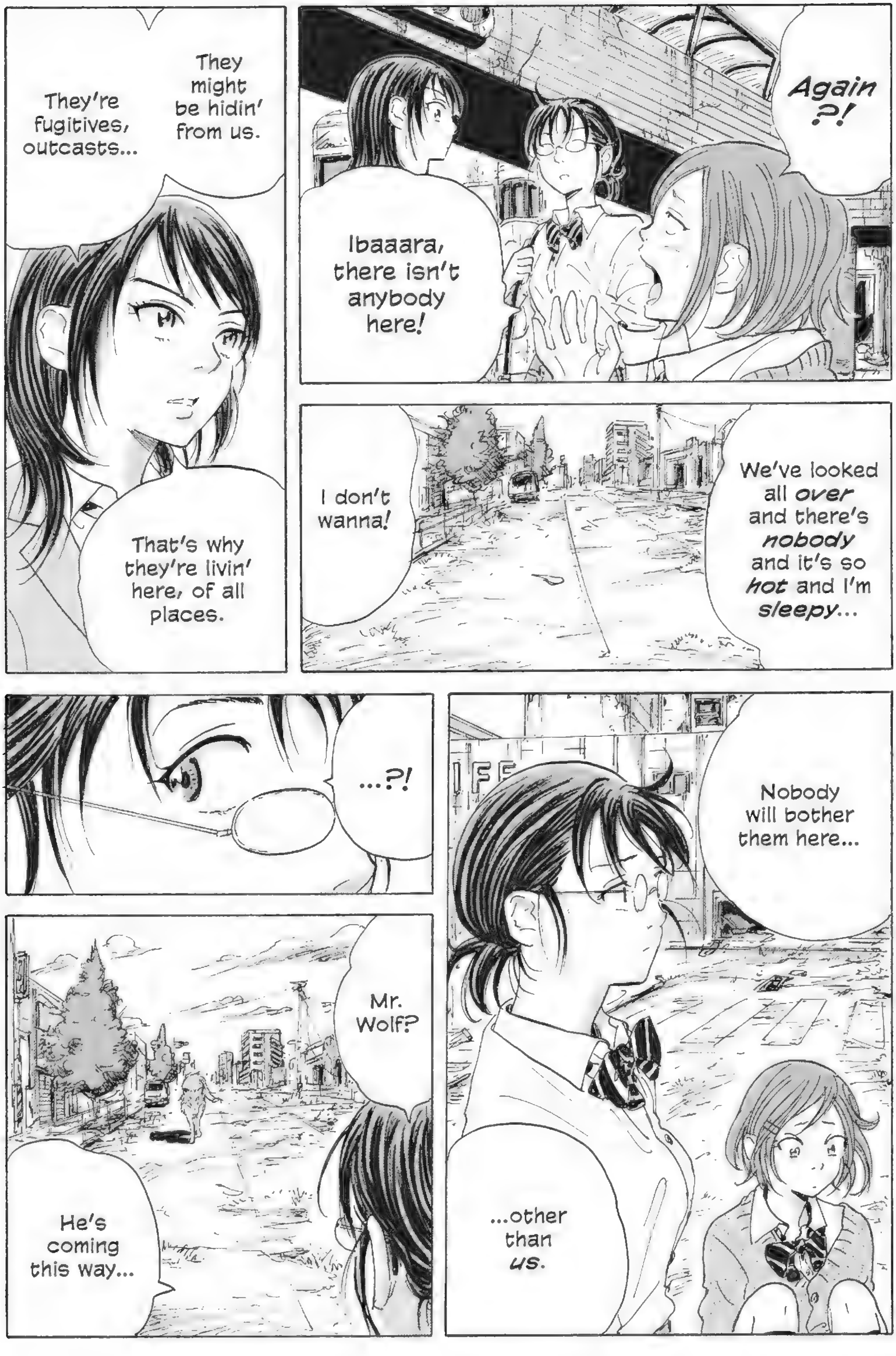
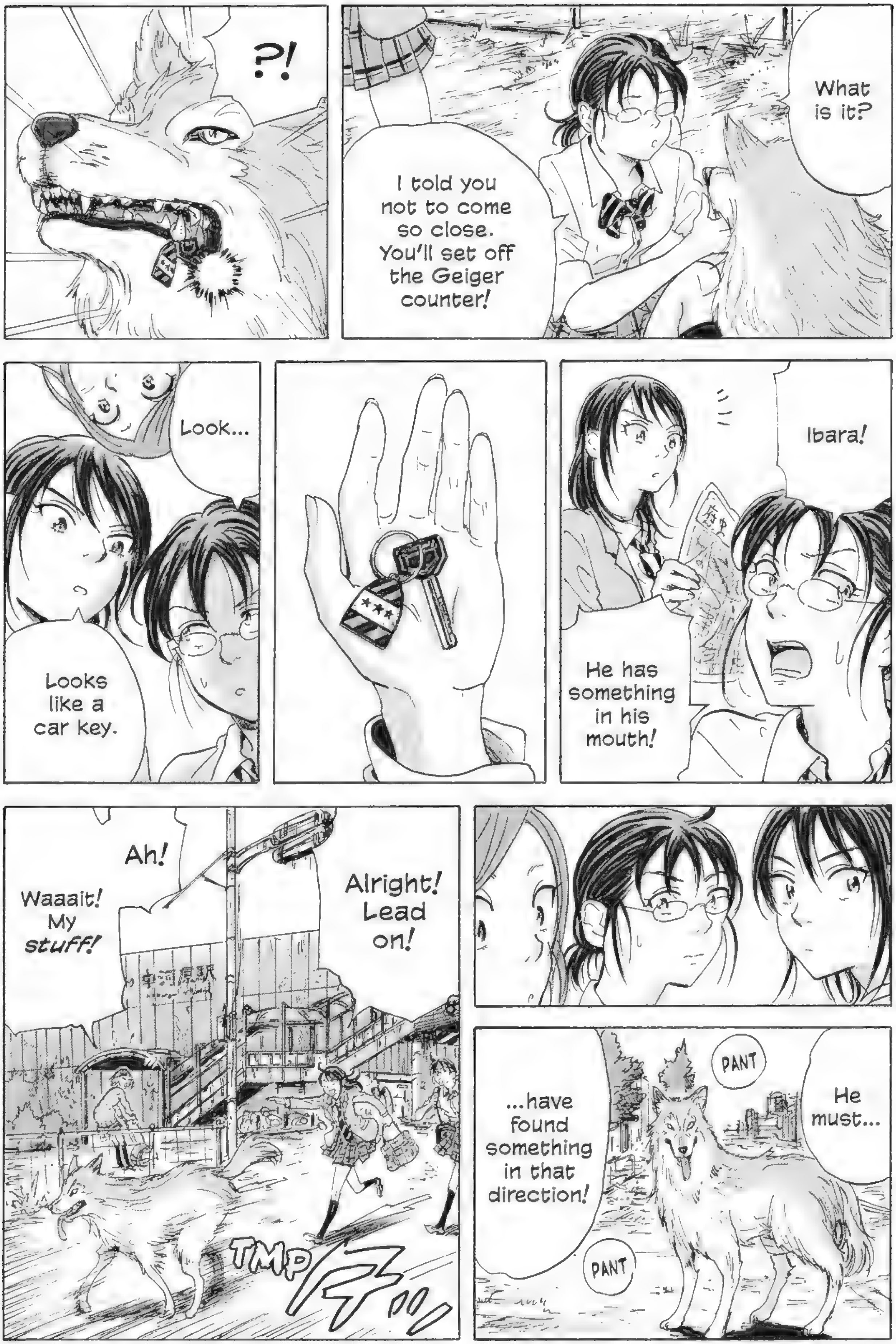
コッペリオン　#11

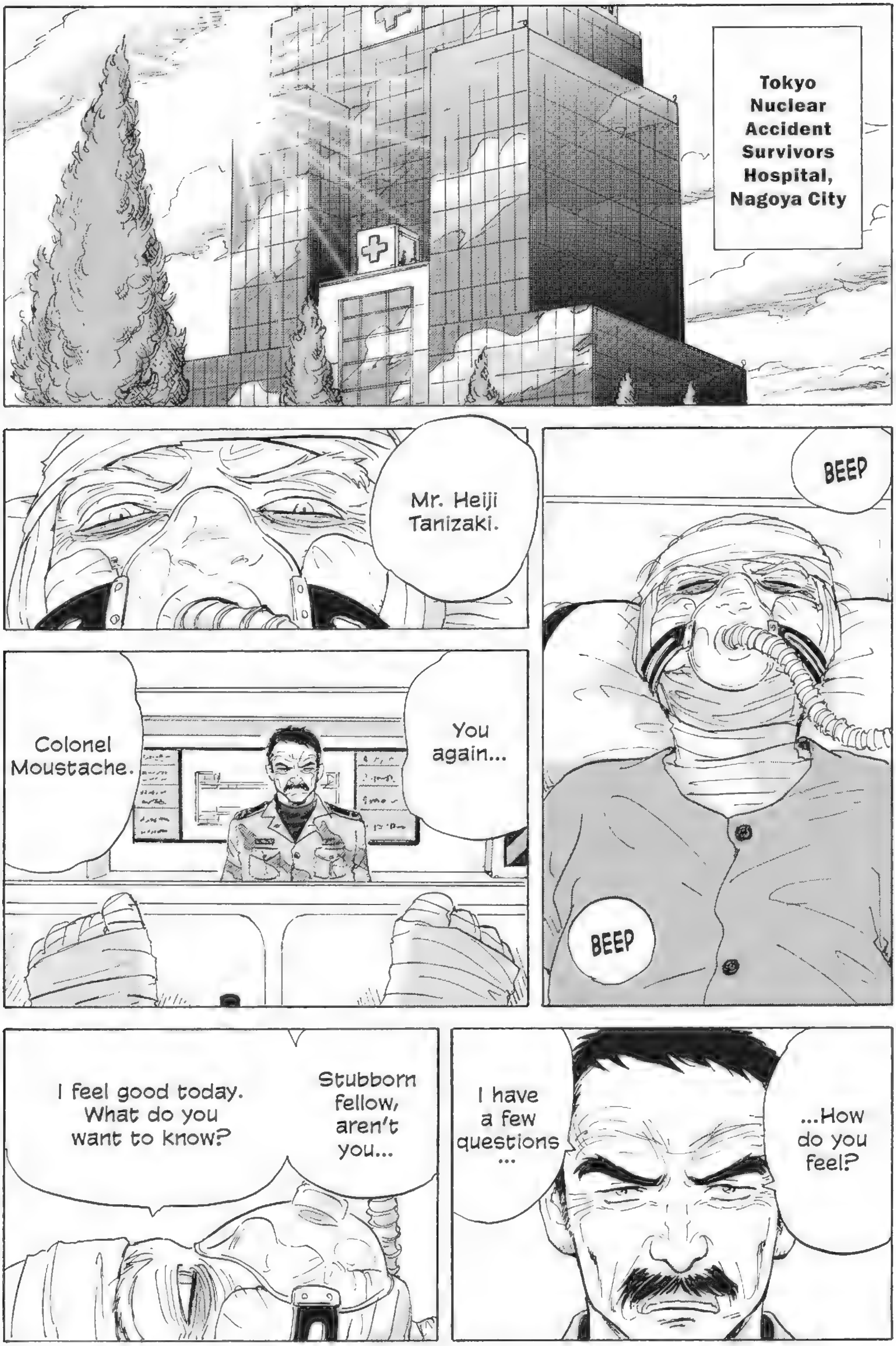

FLASH
中河原駅
October 3rd: Fuchu-Nakagawara Station!
VRR
?
Whatcha lookin' at, Taeko?
That.
Ibara?
What's up with her?

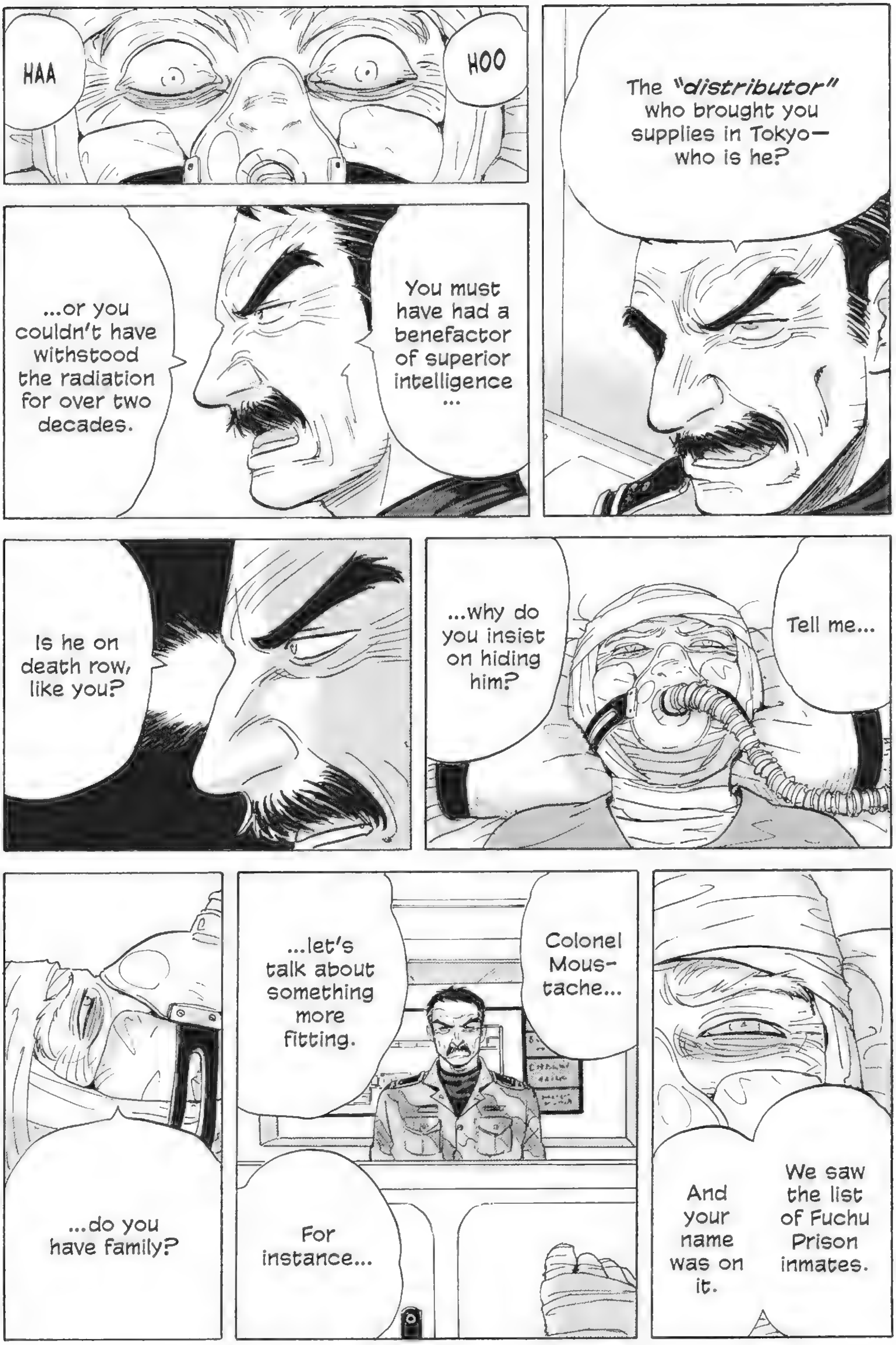

She's been like that all day—just staring off into the distance.
Come to think of it...
She *is* kinda spacey.
Ever since she became the class representative, she's had so much to bear, all by herself...
It must be difficult for her.
...

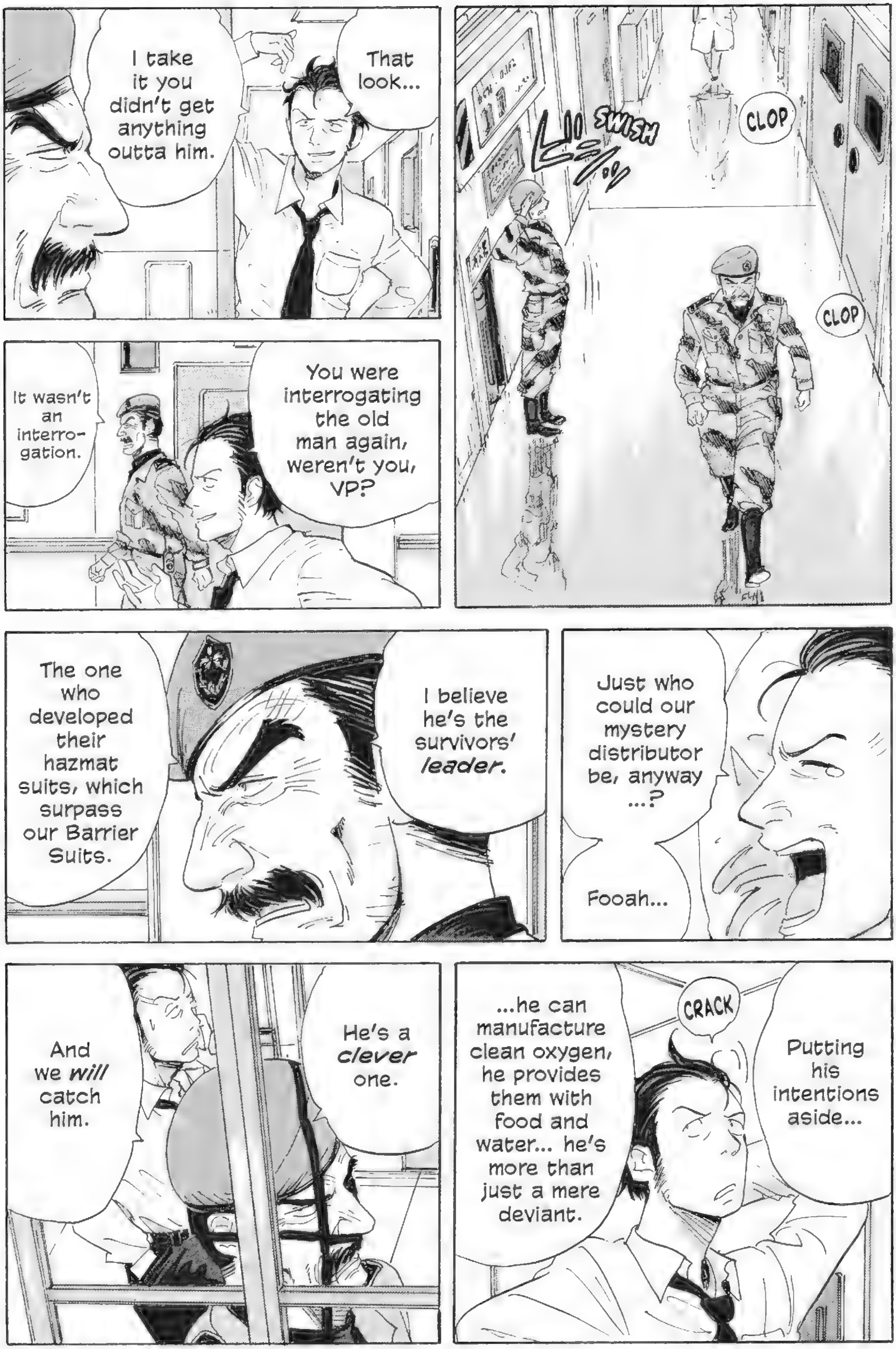

But we *all* carry the same antibodies...
We have to start contributing more, somehow...
You're still better than *me,* Taeko.
ドサッ
FWUMP
Like, what can I even do?
I'm dumb, I'm a weakling, I'm a total klutz, and I'm always starving...
If I wasn't so *cute,* I'd just die!
That's enough outta you, Aoi.
!
Break's over.
Time to look for survivors.

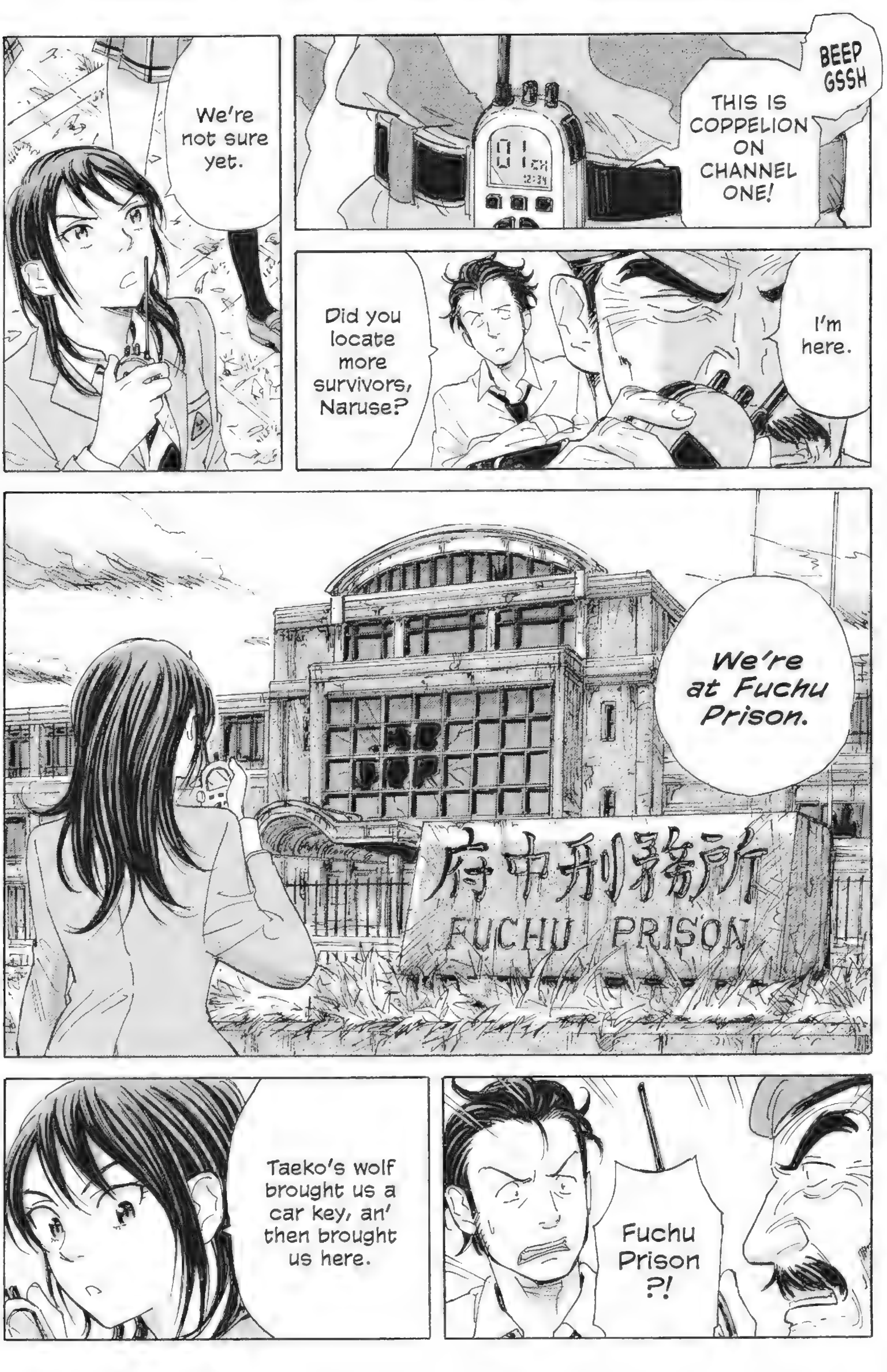

Again?!
Ibaaara, there isn't anybody here!
We've looked all over and there's nobody and it's so hot and I'm sleepy...
I don't wanna!
They might be hidin' from us.
They're fugitives, outcasts...
That's why they're livin' here, of all places.
Nobody will bother them here...
...other than us.
...?!
Mr. Wolf?
He's coming this way...

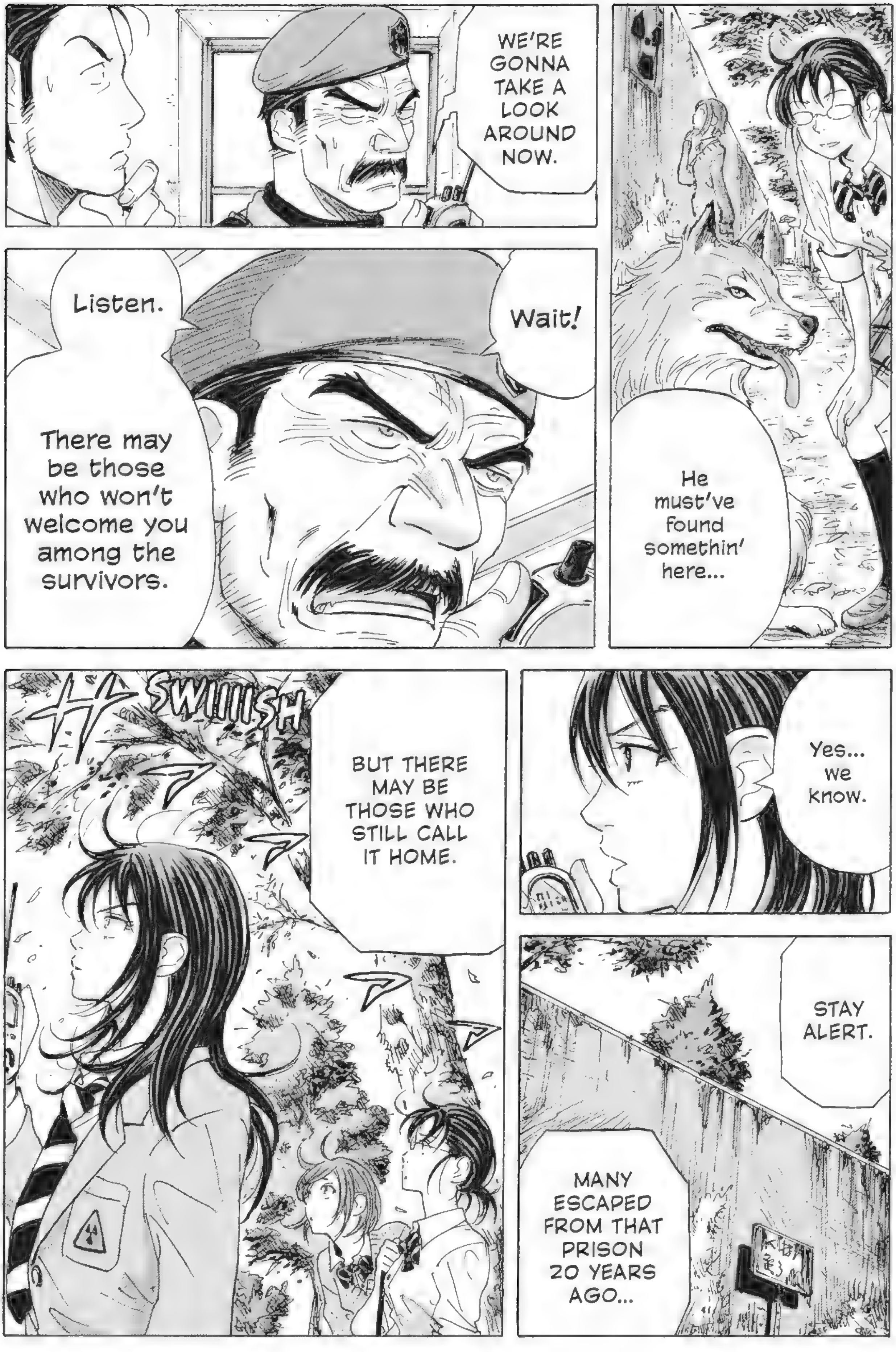

What is it?
I told you not to come so close. You'll set off the Geiger counter!
?!
Ibara!
He has something in his mouth!
Look...
Looks like a car key.
He must...
...have found something in that direction!
PANT
PANT
Alright! Lead on!
Ah!
Waaait! My *stuff!*
中河原駅
TMP

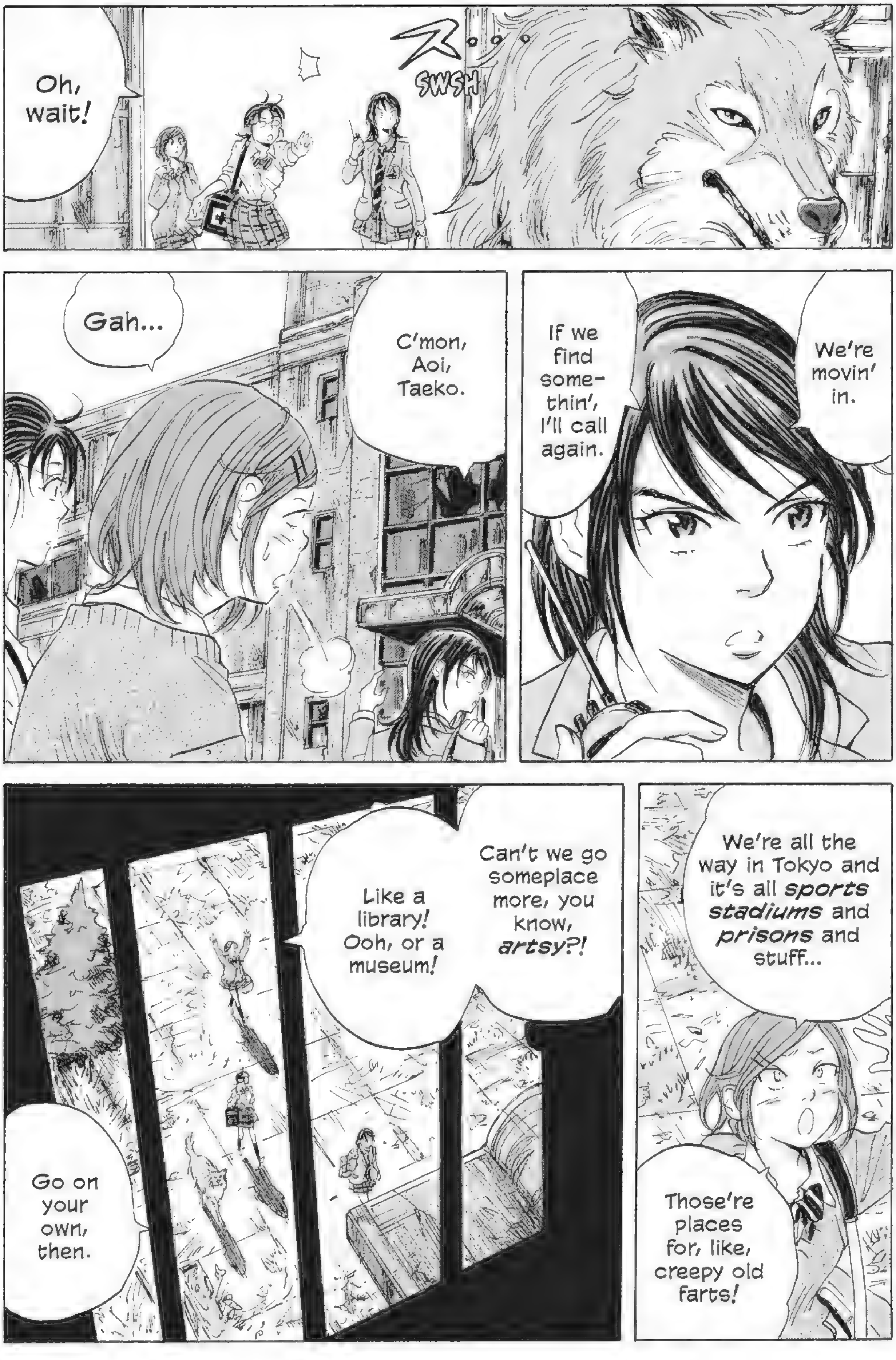

Tokyo Nuclear Accident Survivors Hospital, Nagoya City
BEEP
BEEP
Mr. Heiji Tanizaki.
You again...
Colonel Moustache.
...How do you feel?
I have a few questions ...
Stubborn fellow, aren't you...
I feel good today. What do you want to know?

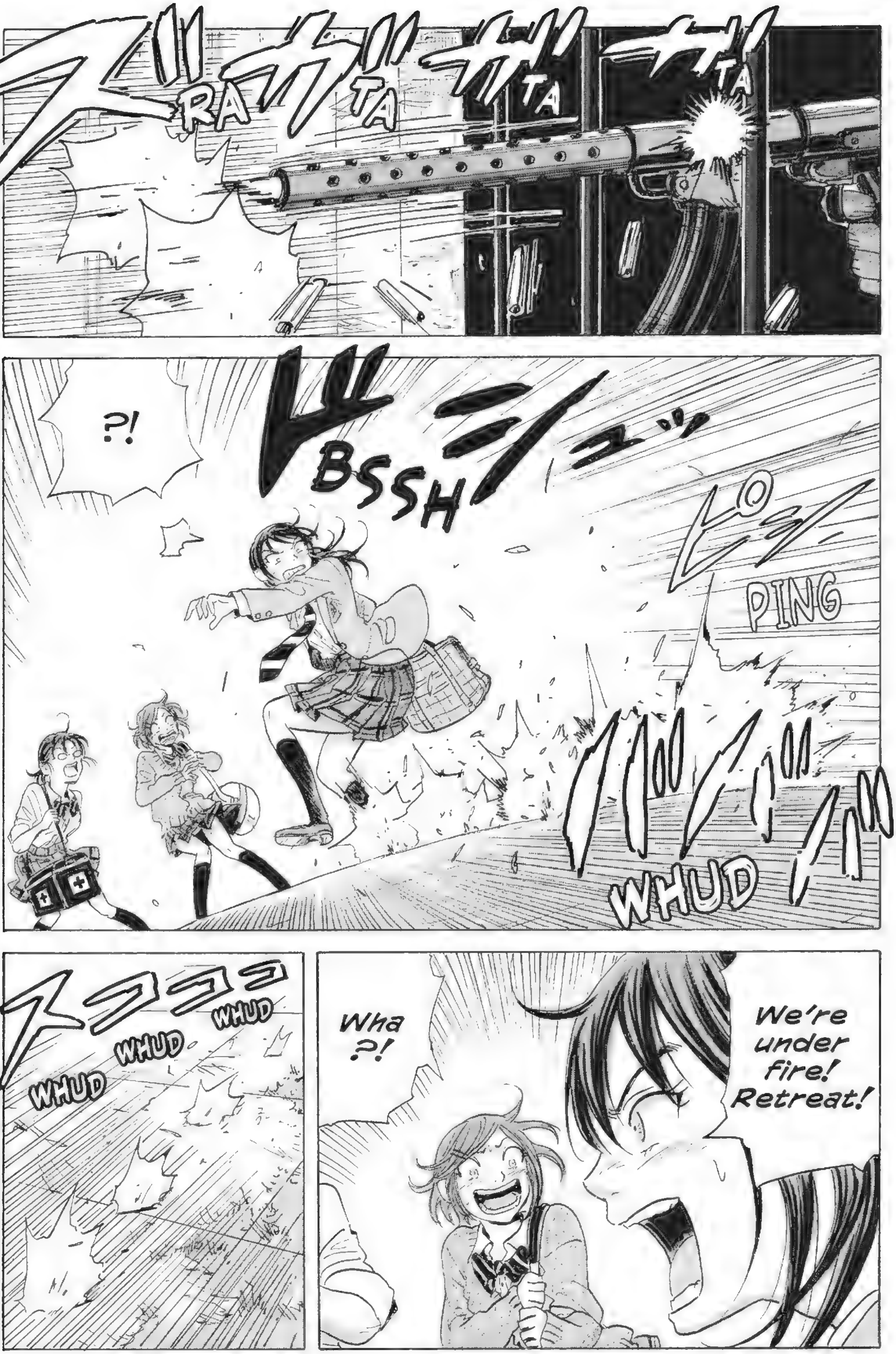

The *"distributor"* who brought you supplies in Tokyo—who is he?
HOO
HAA
You must have had a benefactor of superior intelligence...
...or you couldn't have withstood the radiation for over two decades.
Tell me...
...why do you insist on hiding him?
Is he on death row, like you?
We saw the list of Fuchu Prison inmates.
And your name was on it.
Colonel Moustache...
...let's talk about something more fitting.
For instance...
...do you have family?

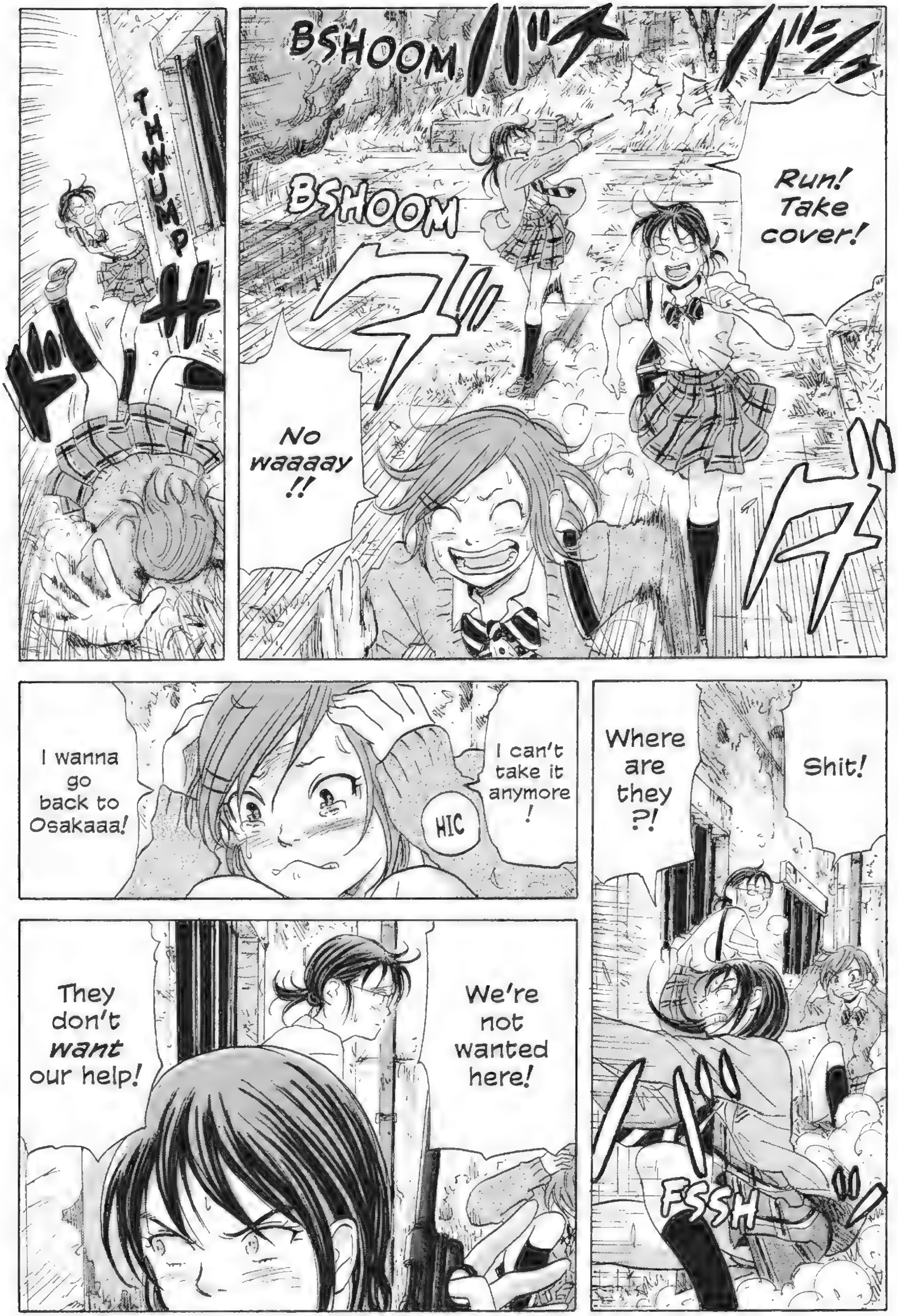

SWISH
CLOP
CLOP
That look...
I take it you didn't get anything outta him.
You were interrogating the old man again, weren't you, VP?
It wasn't an interrogation.
Just who could our mystery distributor be, anyway ...?
Fooah...
I believe he's the survivors' *leader*.
The one who developed their hazmat suits, which surpass our Barrier Suits.
Putting his intentions aside...
CRACK
...he can manufacture clean oxygen, he provides them with food and water... he's more than just a mere deviant.
He's a *clever* one.
And we *will* catch him.

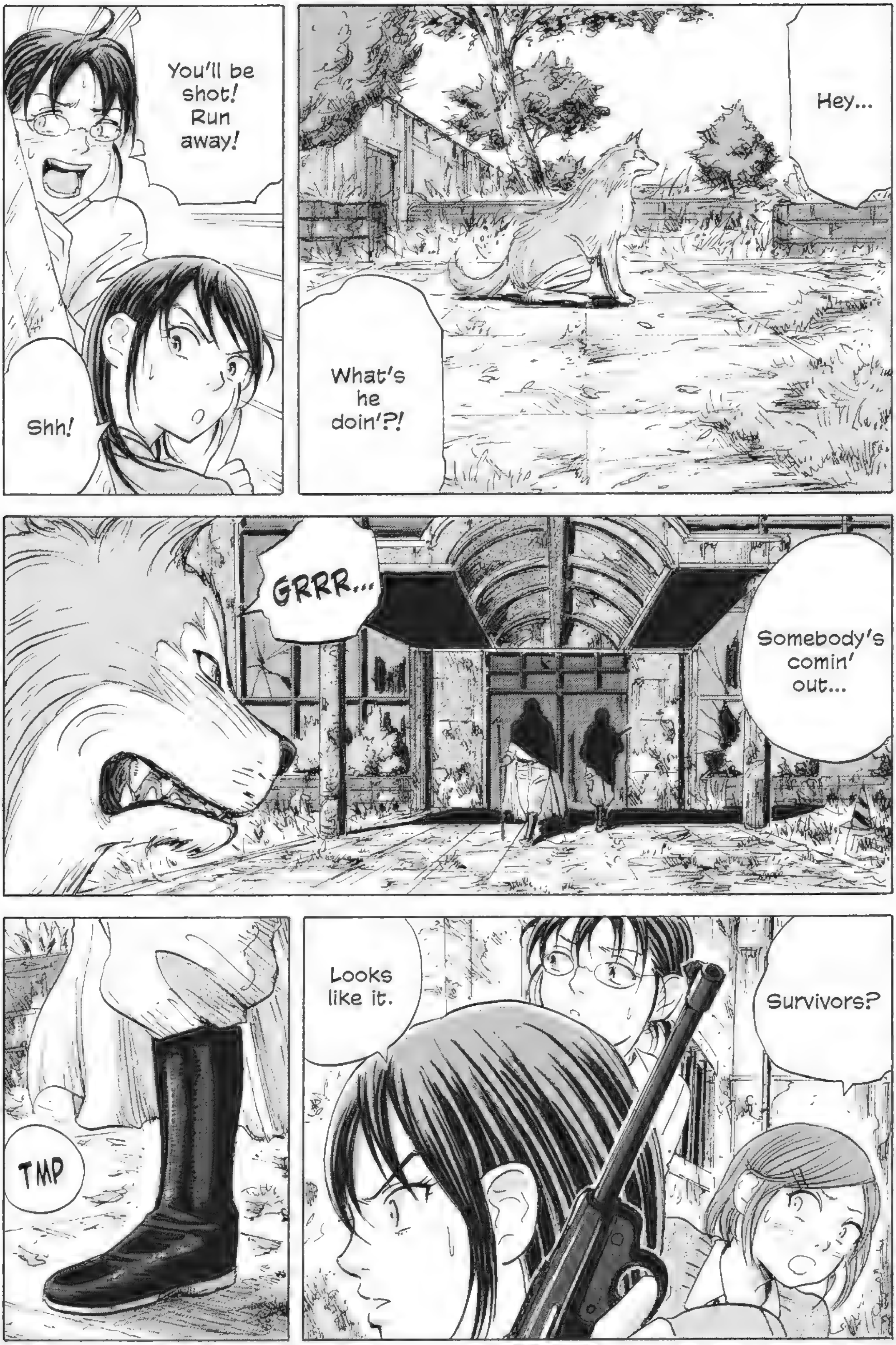

BEEP GSSH
THIS IS COPPELION ON CHANNEL ONE!
I'm here.
Did you locate more survivors, Naruse?
We're not sure yet.
We're at Fuchu Prison.
府中刑務所
FUCHU PRISON
Fuchu Prison?!
Taeko's wolf brought us a car key, an' then brought us here.

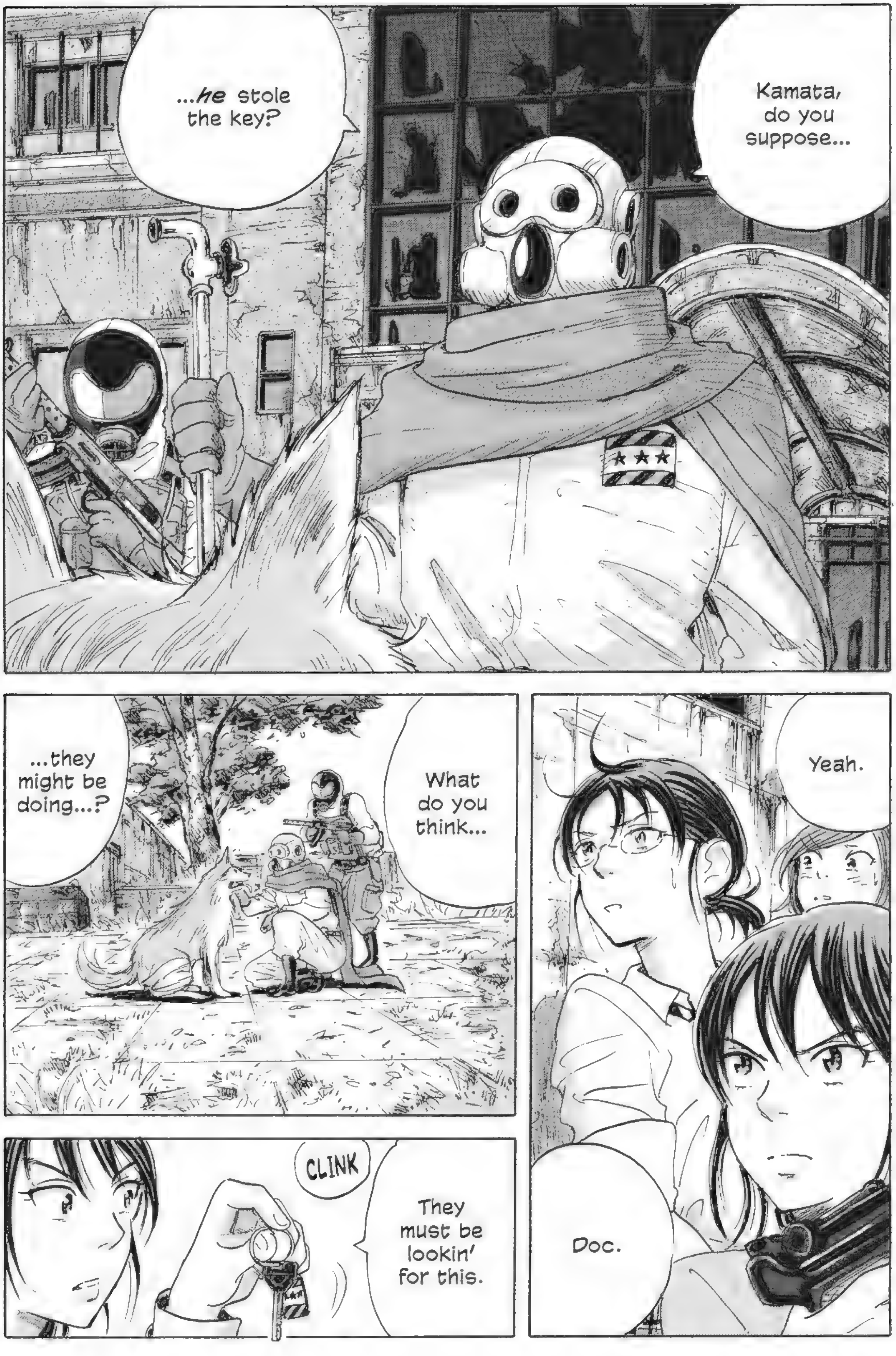

He must've found somethin' here...
WE'RE GONNA TAKE A LOOK AROUND NOW.
Wait!
Listen.
There may be those who won't welcome you among the survivors.
Yes... we know.
SWIIIISH
BUT THERE MAY BE THOSE WHO STILL CALL IT HOME.
STAY ALERT.
MANY ESCAPED FROM THAT PRISON 20 YEARS AGO...

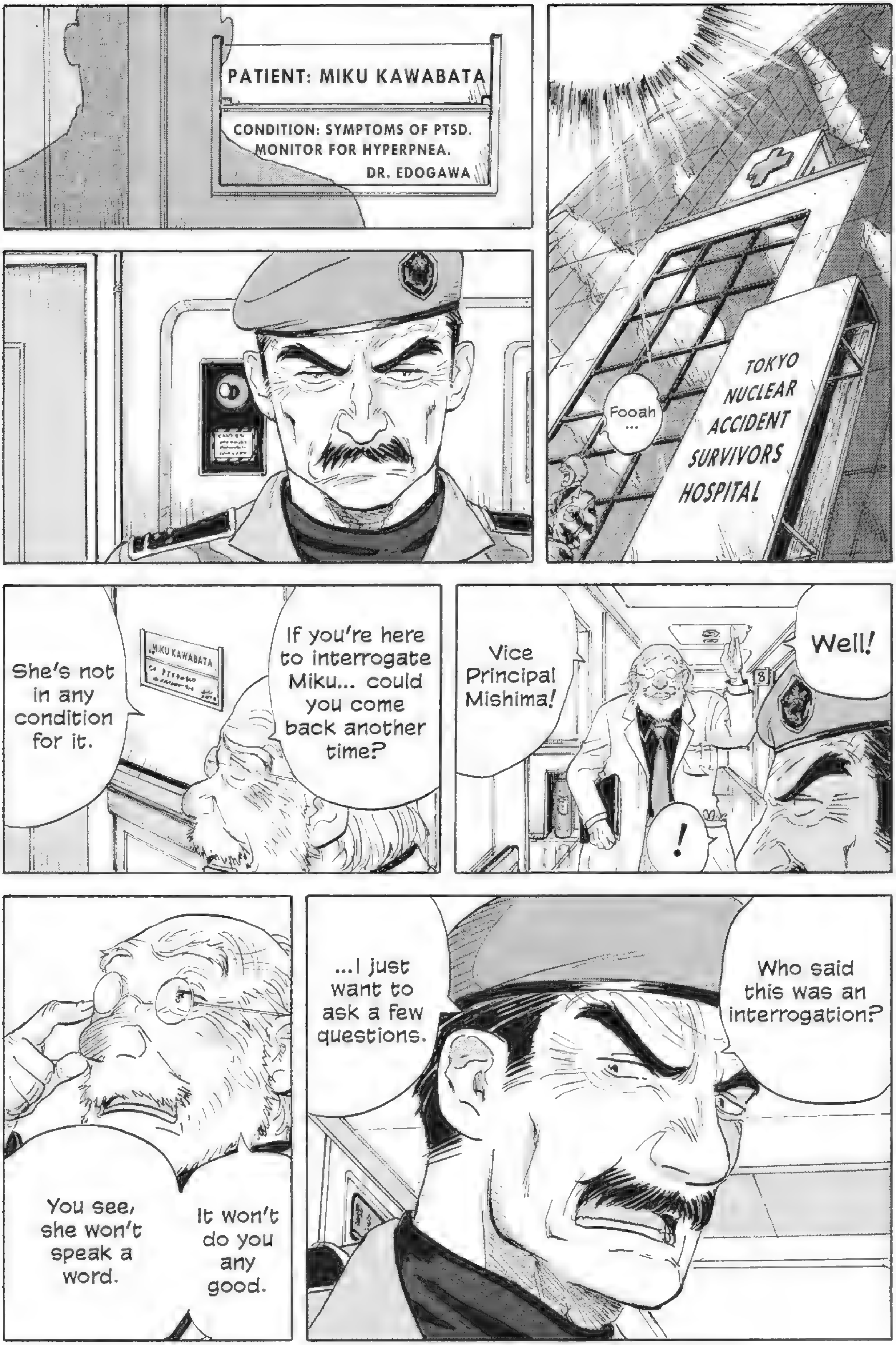

ス
SWSH
Oh, wait!
We're movin' in.
If we find somethin', I'll call again.
C'mon, Aoi, Taeko.
Gah...
We're all the way in Tokyo and it's all *sports stadiums* and *prisons* and stuff...
Those're places for, like, creepy old farts!
Can't we go someplace more, you know, *artsy*?!
Like a library! Ooh, or a museum!
Go on your own, then.

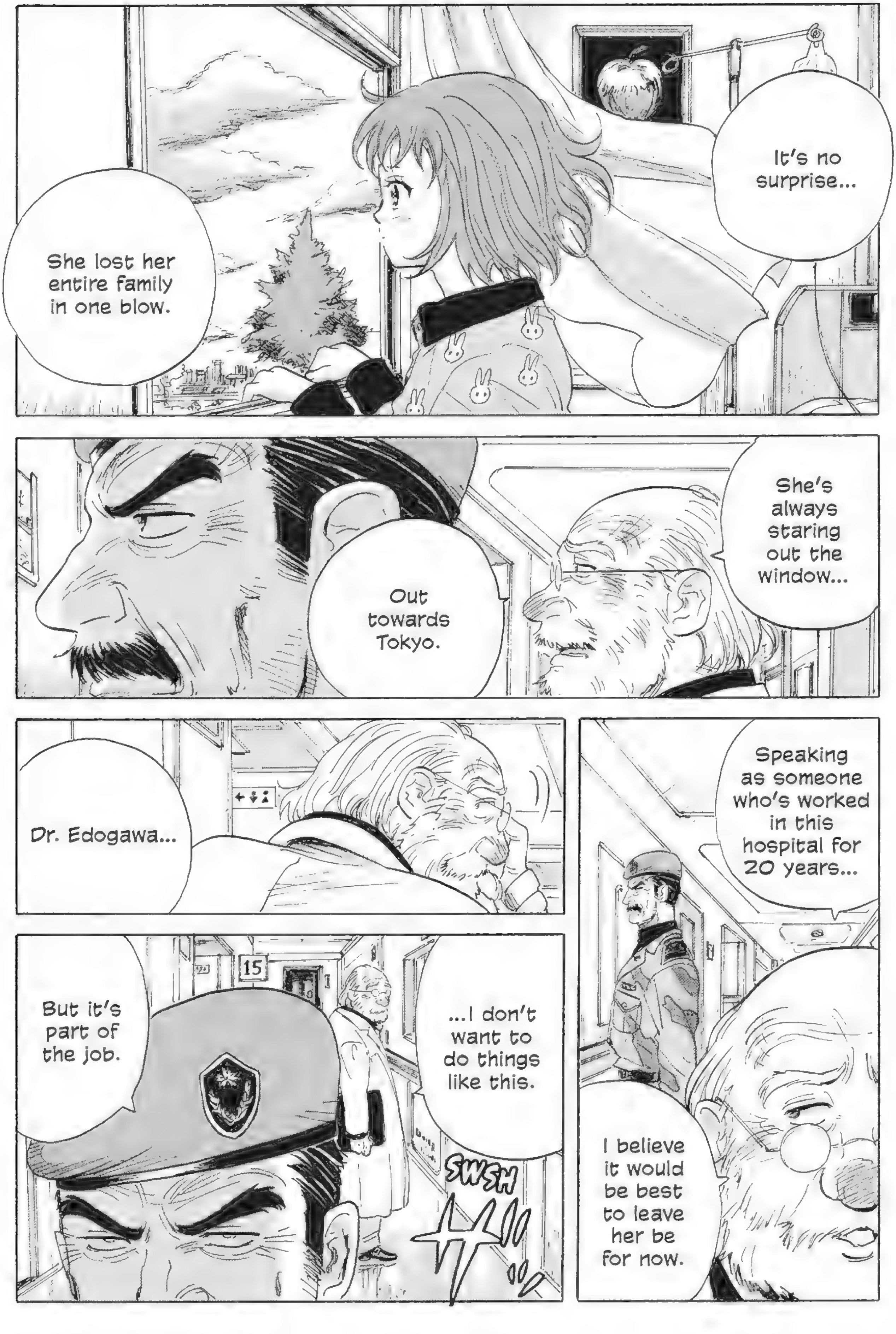

RA TA TA TA TA
?!
BSSH
PING
WHUD
We're under fire! Retreat!
Wha?!
WHUD WHUD WHUD

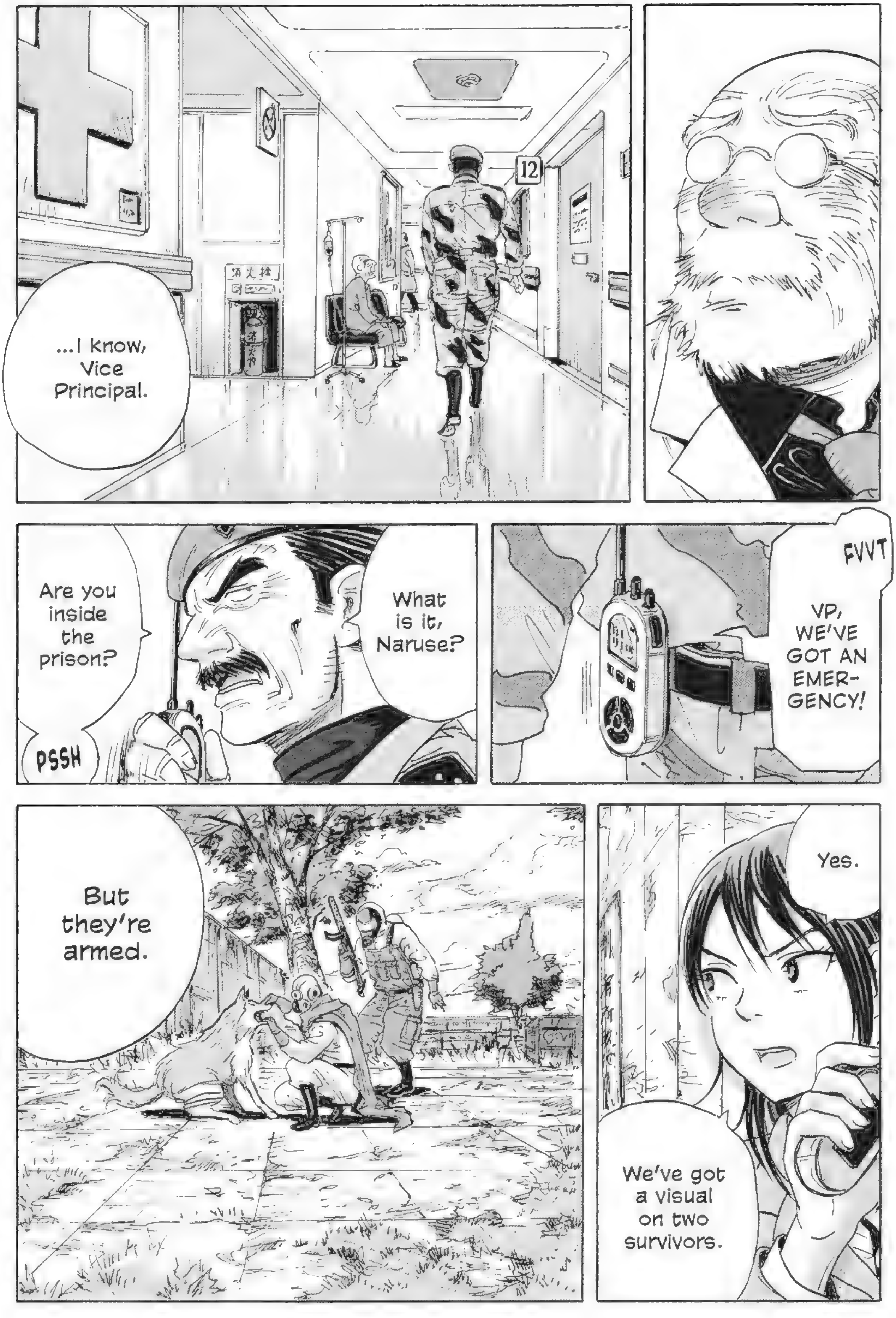

BSHOOM
バババッ
BSHOOM
Run! Take cover!
ダッ
No waaaay!!
ダッ
THWUMP
ドサッ
Where are they?!
Shit!
FSSH
バッ
I can't take it anymore!
HIC
I wanna go back to Osakaaa!
We're not wanted here!
They don't *want* our help!

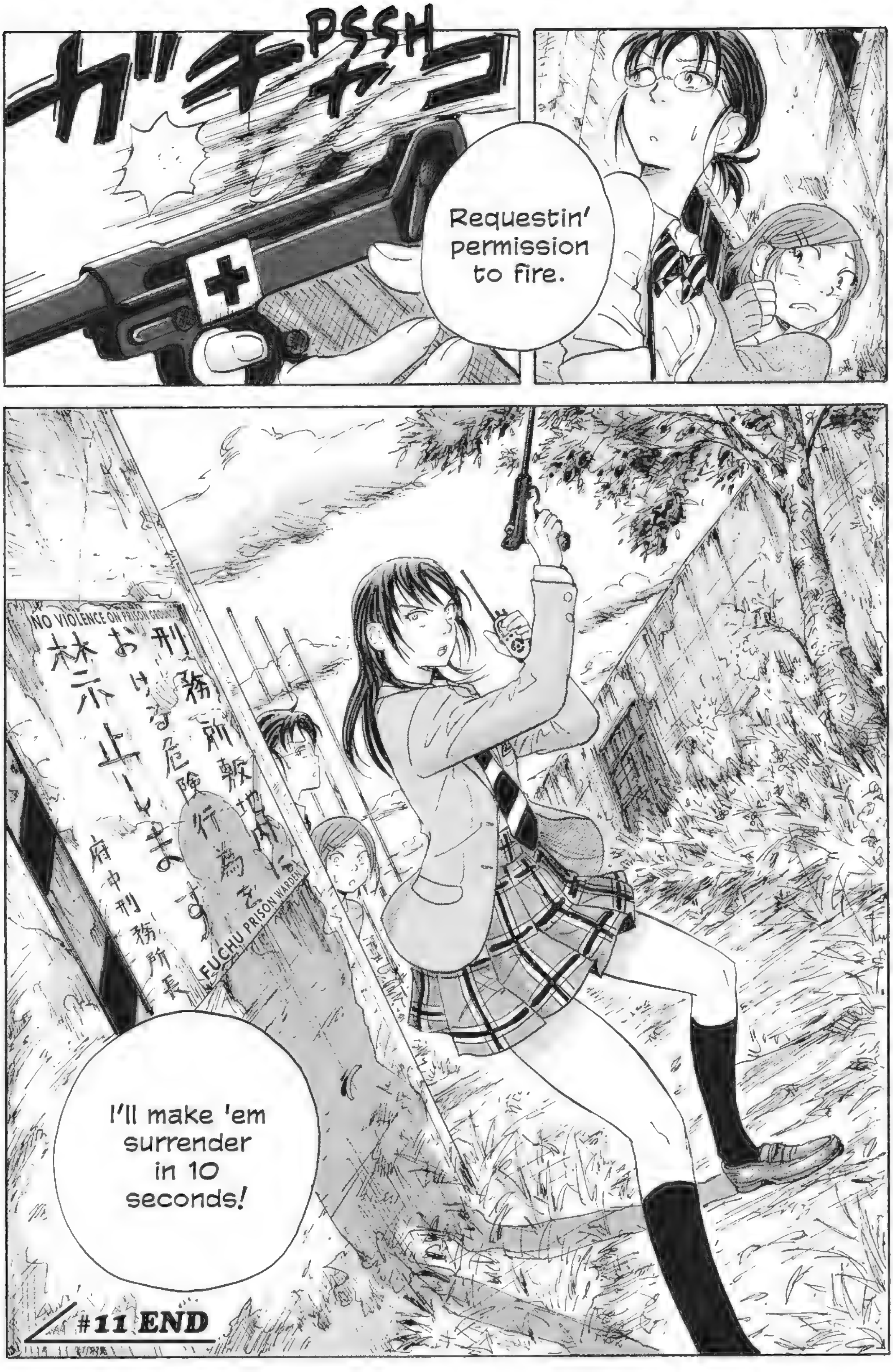

Hey...
What's he doin'?!
You'll be shot! Run away!
Shh!
Somebody's comin' out...
GRRR...
Survivors?
Looks like it.
TMP

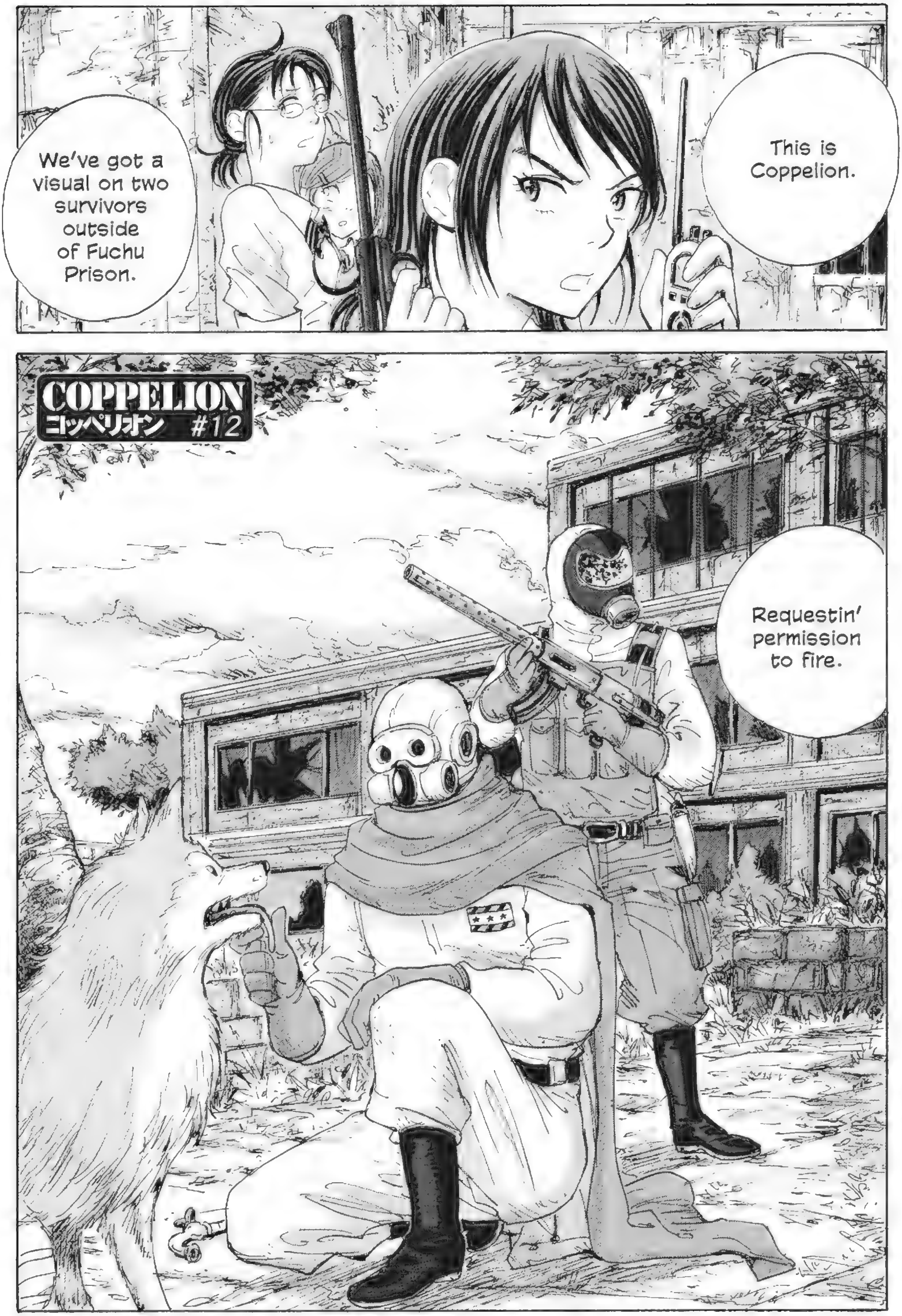

Kamata, do you suppose...
...*he* stole the key?
Yeah.
Doc.
What do you think...
...they might be doing...?
CLINK
They must be lookin' for this.

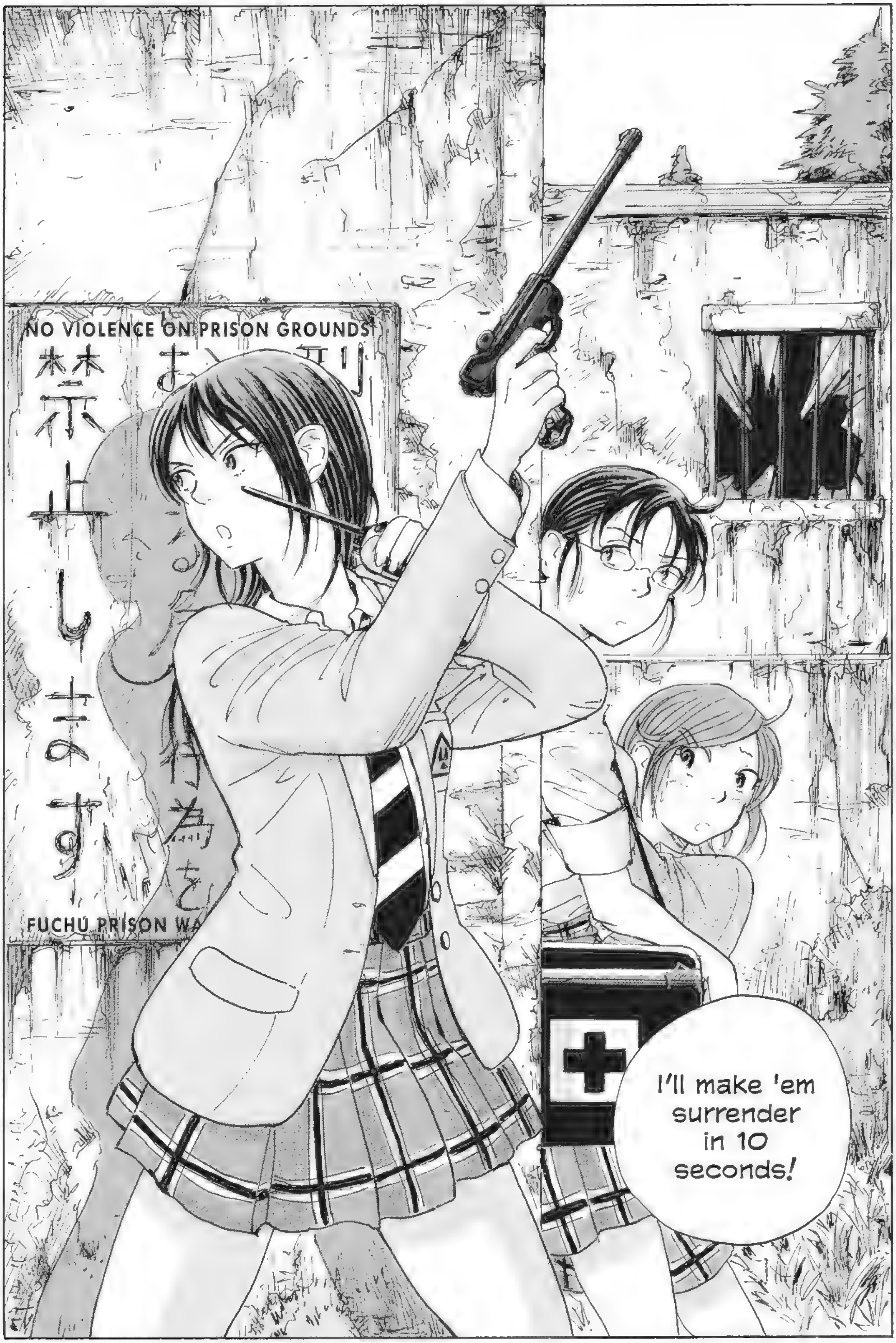

TOKYO NUCLEAR ACCIDENT SURVIVORS HOSPITAL
Fooah...
PATIENT: MIKU KAWABATA
CONDITION: SYMPTOMS OF PTSD. MONITOR FOR HYPERPNEA. DR. EDOGAWA
Well!
!
Vice Principal Mishima!
M.KU KAWABATA
If you're here to interrogate Miku... could you come back another time?
She's not in any condition for it.
Who said this was an interrogation?
...I just want to ask a few questions.
It won't do you any good.
You see, she won't speak a word.

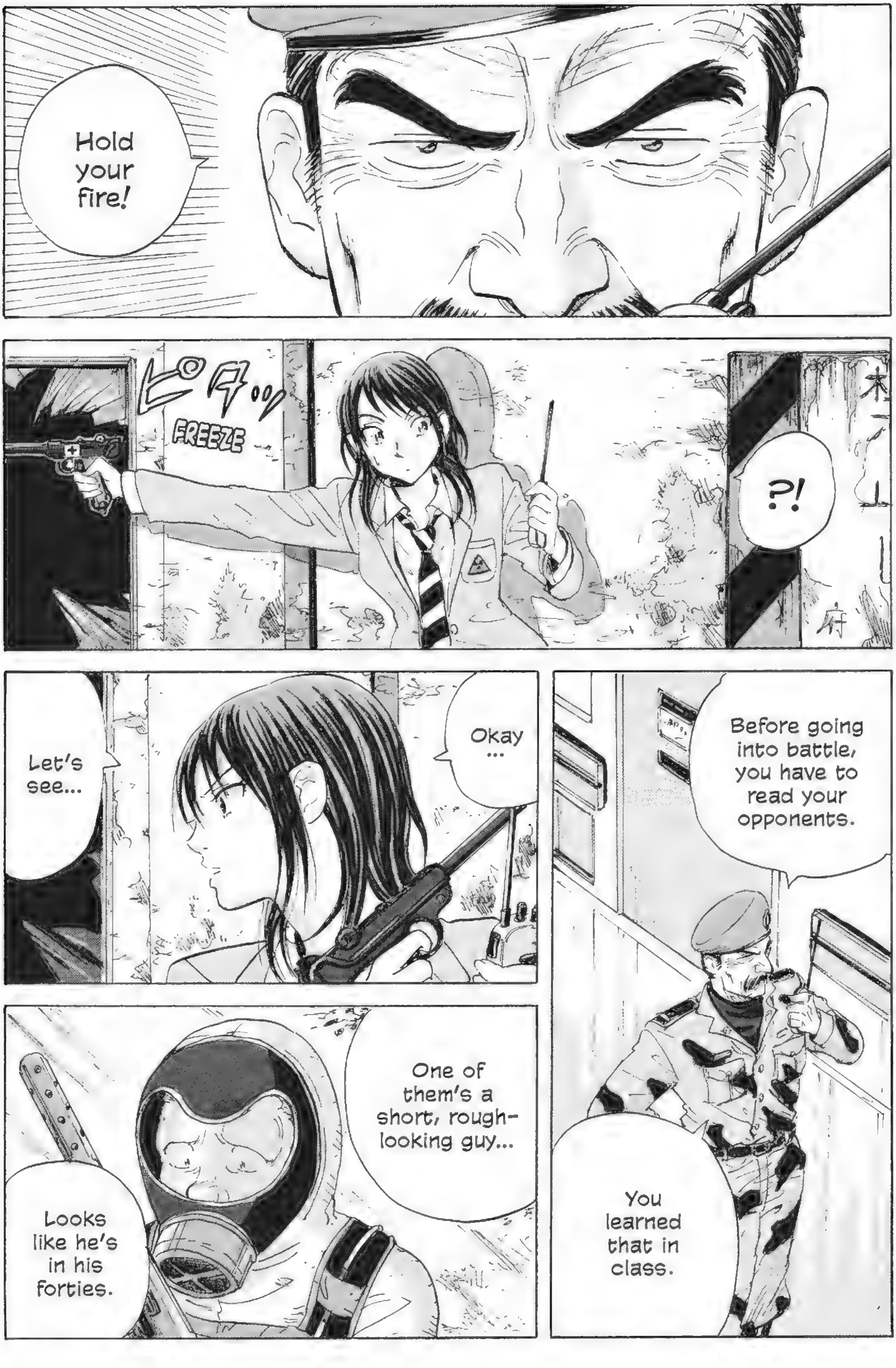

It's no surprise...
She lost her entire family in one blow.
She's always staring out the window...
Out towards Tokyo.
Speaking as someone who's worked in this hospital for 20 years...
I believe it would be best to leave her be for now.
Dr. Edogawa...
...I don't want to do things like this.
But it's part of the job.
SWSH
15

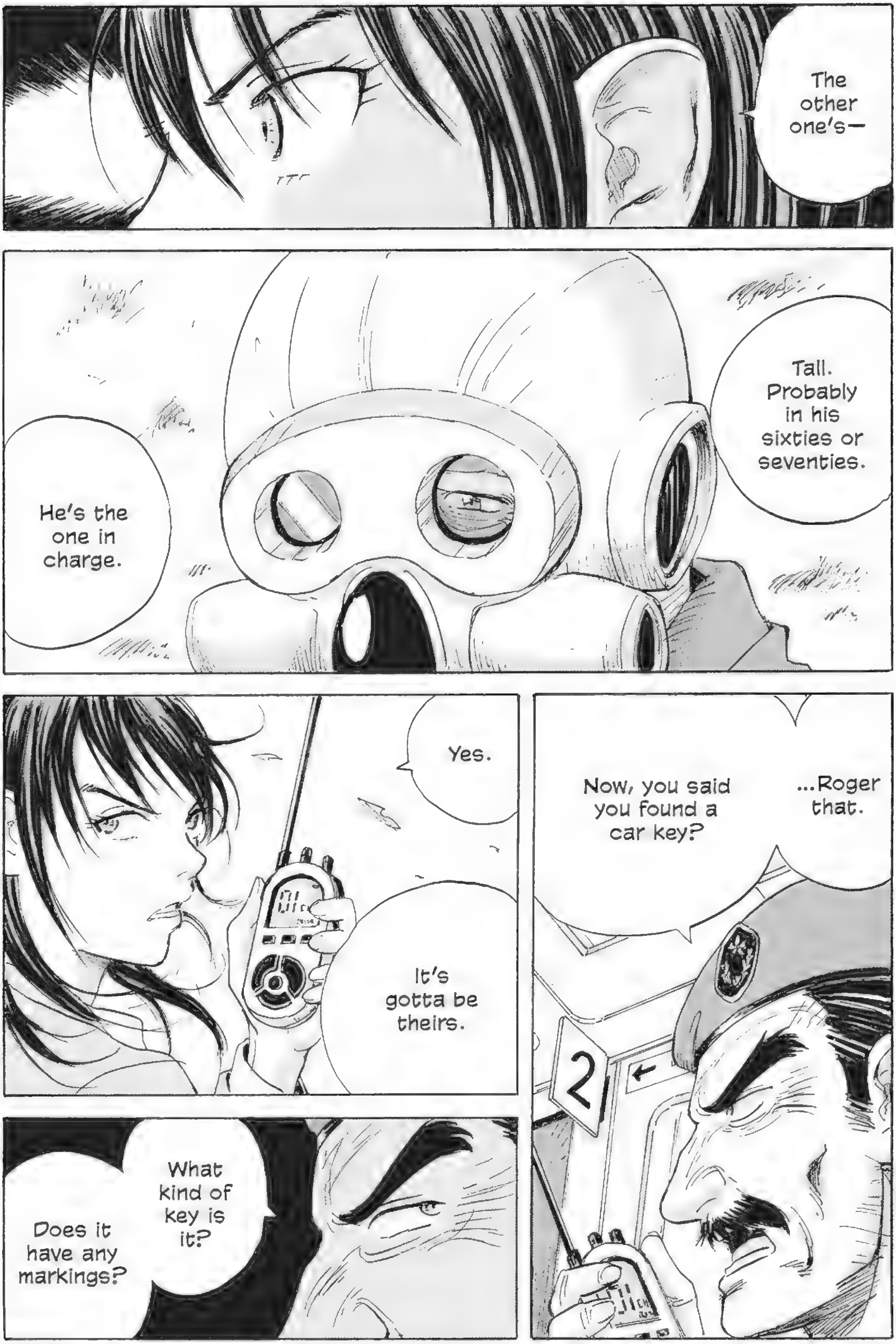

12
...I know, Vice Principal.
FVVT
VP, WE'VE GOT AN EMERGENCY!
What is it, Naruse?
Are you inside the prison?
PSSH
Yes.
We've got a visual on two survivors.
But they're armed.

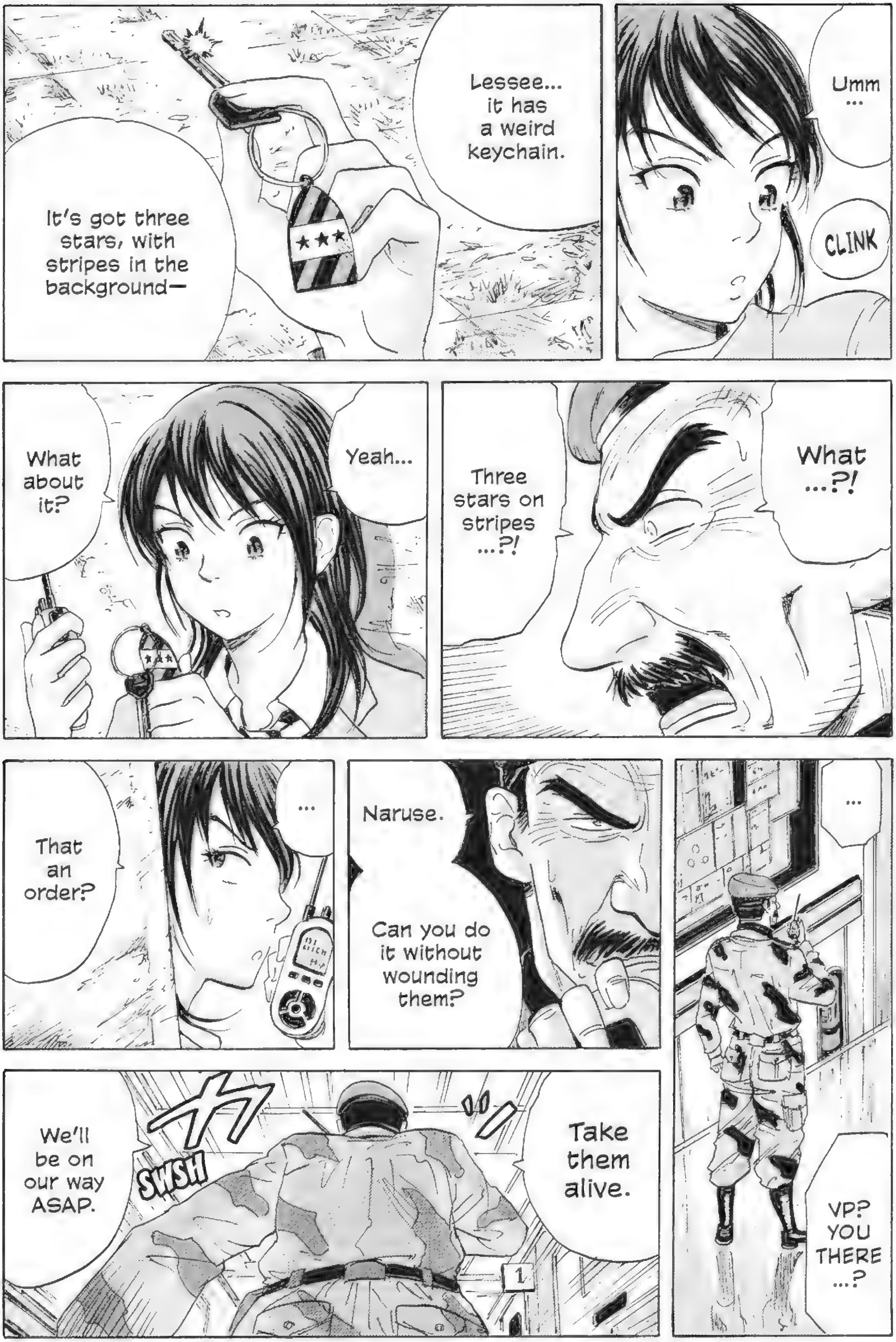

Requestin' permission to fire.
ガチャコ
PSSH
NO VIOLENCE ON PRISON GROU
刑務所敷地内における危険行為を禁止いたします
府中刑務所長
FUCHU PRISON WARDEN
I'll make 'em surrender in 10 seconds!
#11 END

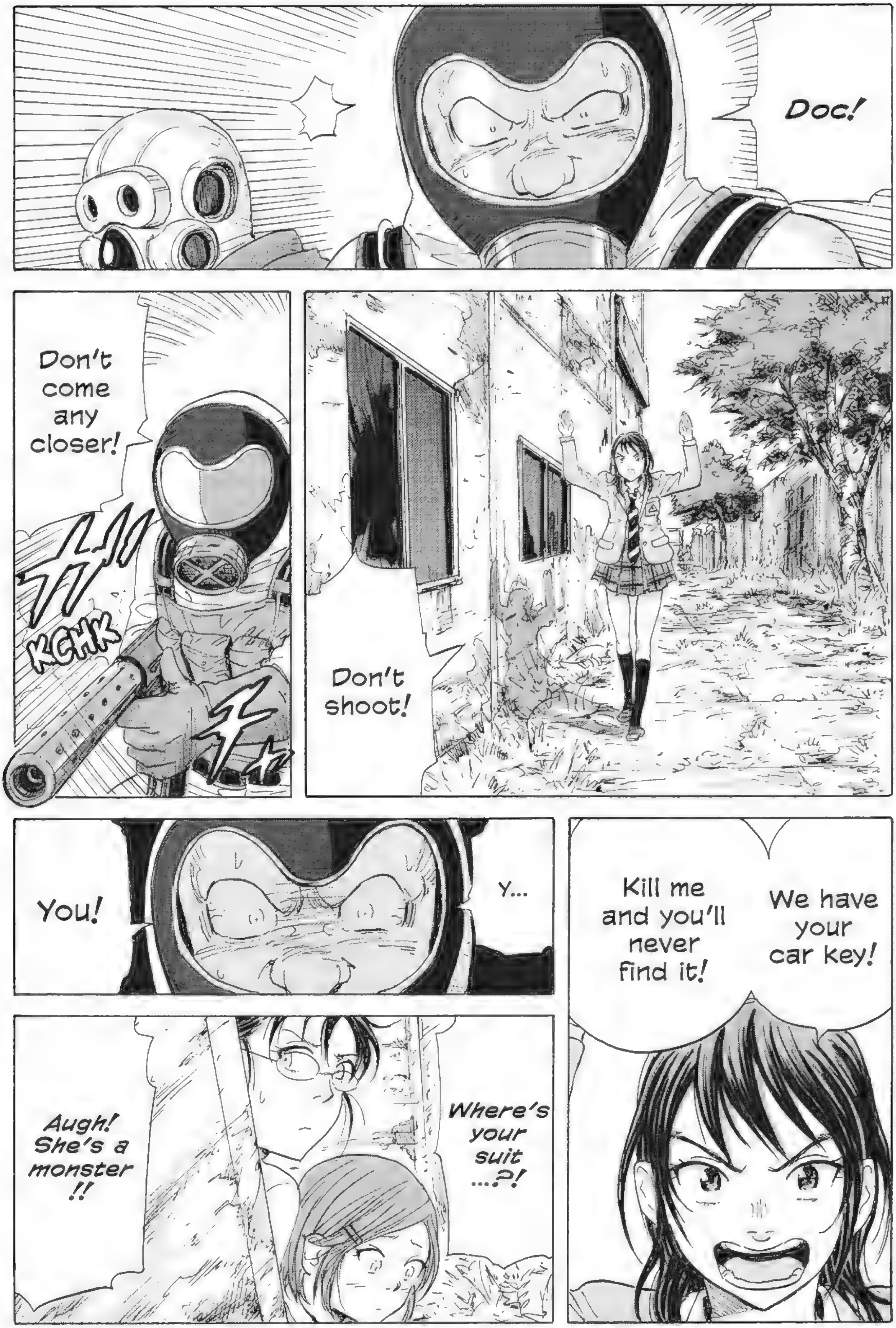

This is Coppelion.
We've got a visual on two survivors outside of Fuchu Prison.
COPPELION
コッペリオン #12
Requestin' permission to fire.

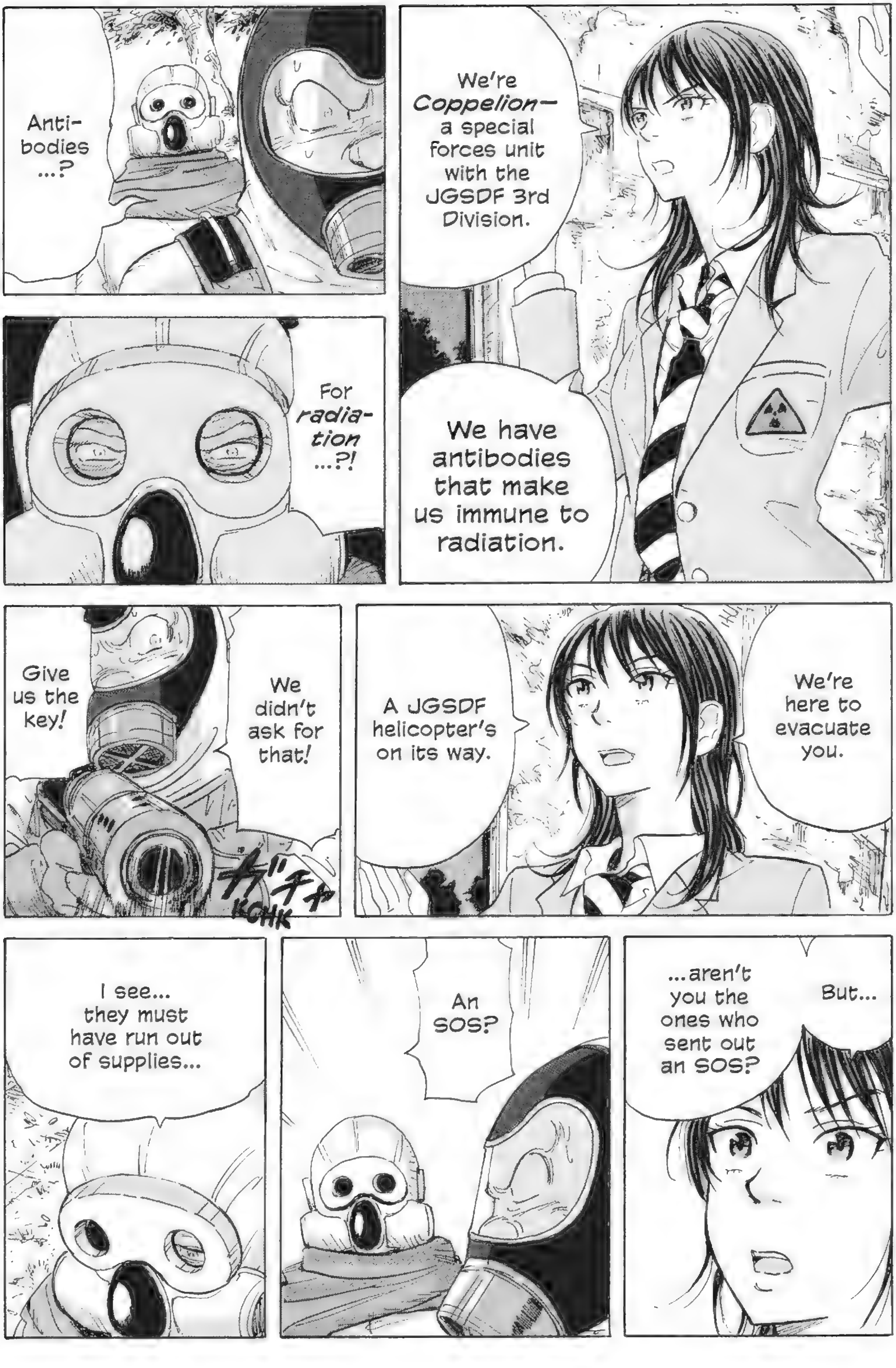

NO VIOLENCE ON PRISON GROUNDS
行為を
禁止します
FUCHŪ PRISON WA
I'll make 'em surrender in 10 seconds!

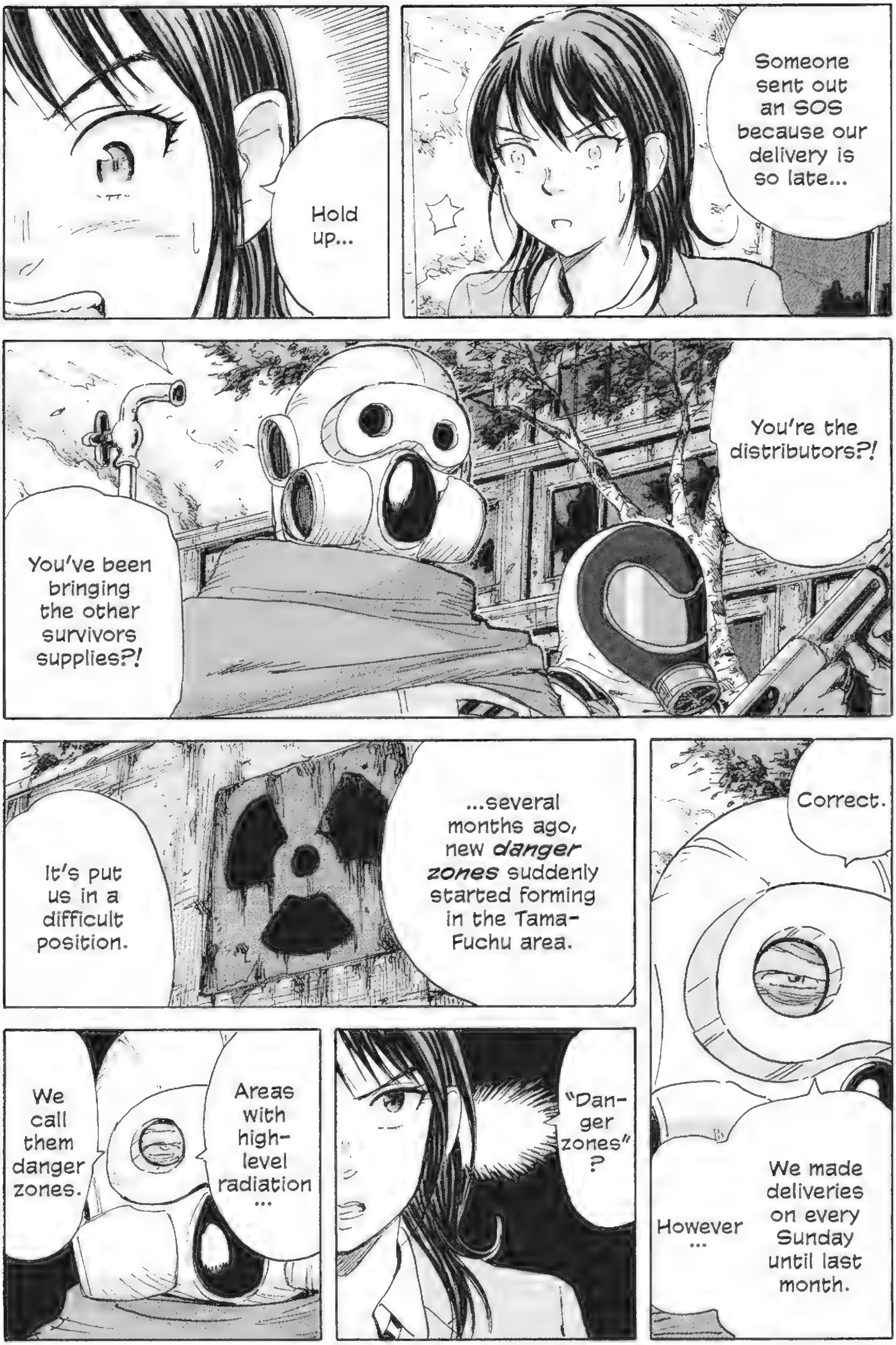

Hold your fire!
?!
ピタッ
FREEZE
Before going into battle, you have to read your opponents.
You learned that in class.
Okay...
Let's see...
One of them's a short, rough-looking guy...
Looks like he's in his forties.

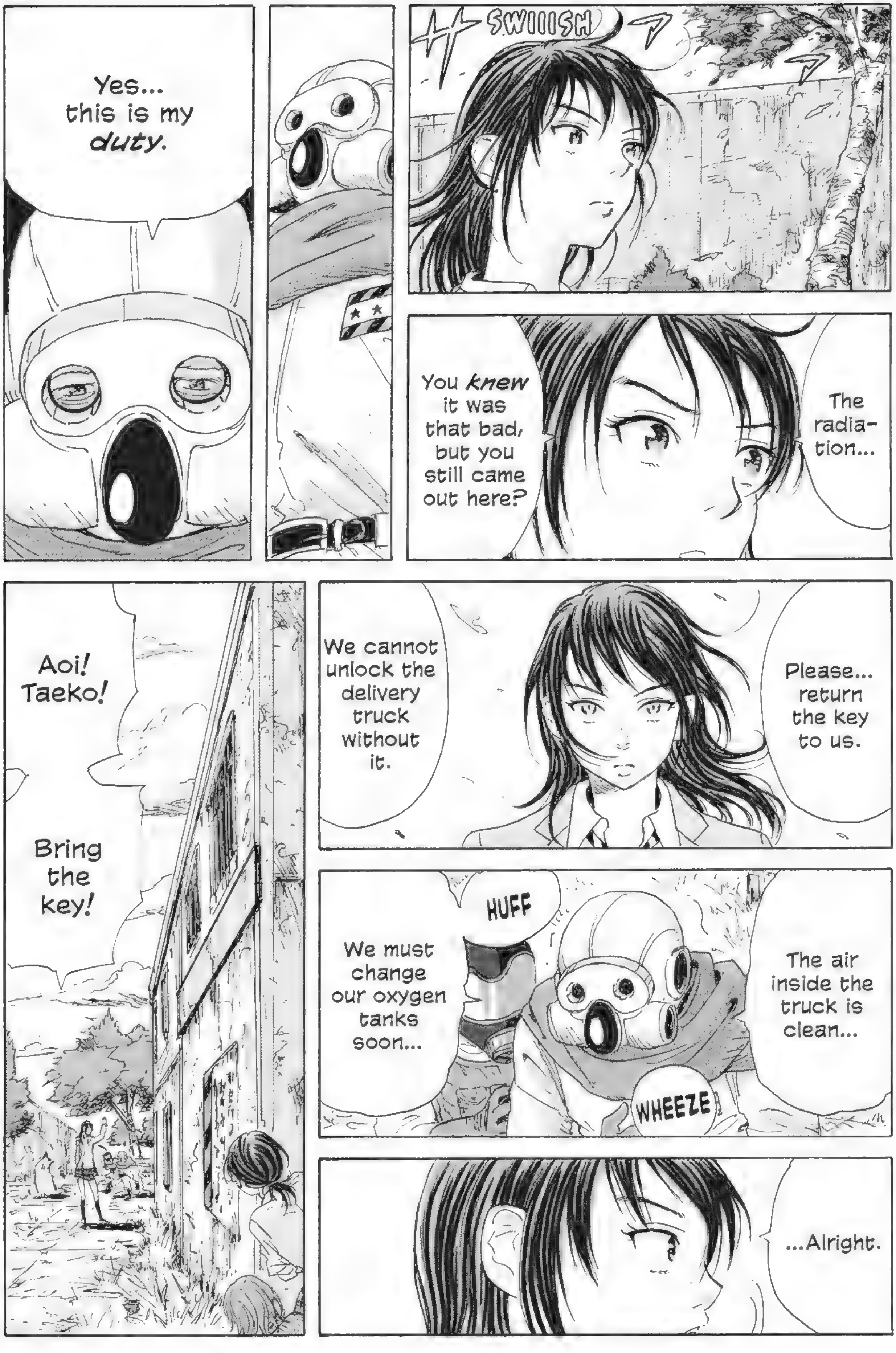

The other one's—
Tall. Probably in his sixties or seventies.
He's the one in charge.
...Roger that.
Now, you said you found a car key?
Yes.
It's gotta be theirs.
2
What kind of key is it?
Does it have any markings?

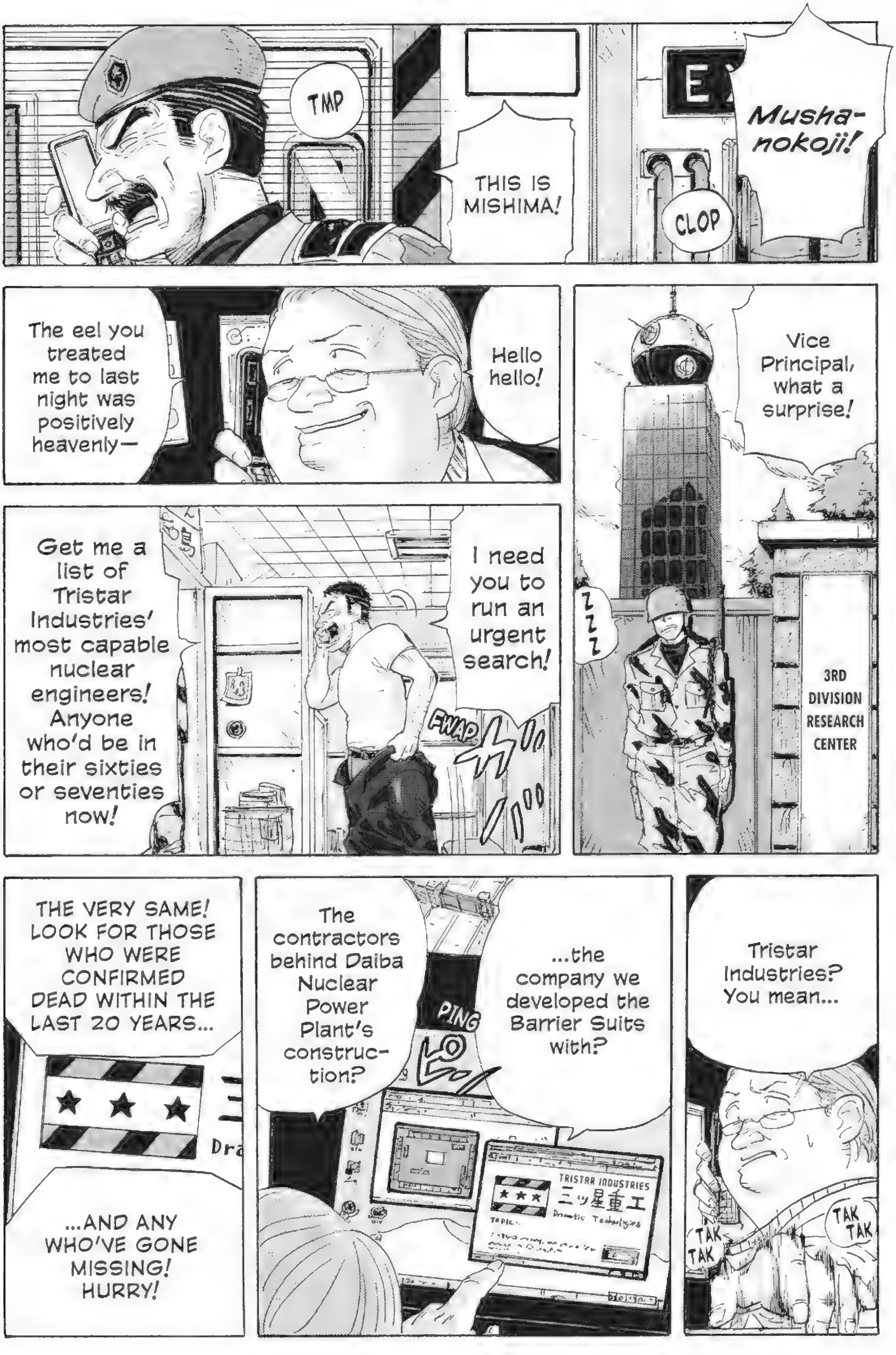

Umm...
CLINK
Lessee... it has a weird keychain.
It's got three stars, with stripes in the background—
What...?!
Three stars on stripes...?!
Yeah...
What about it?
...
Naruse.
Can you do it without wounding them?
...
That an order?
Take them alive.
SWSH
We'll be on our way ASAP.
VP? YOU THERE...?

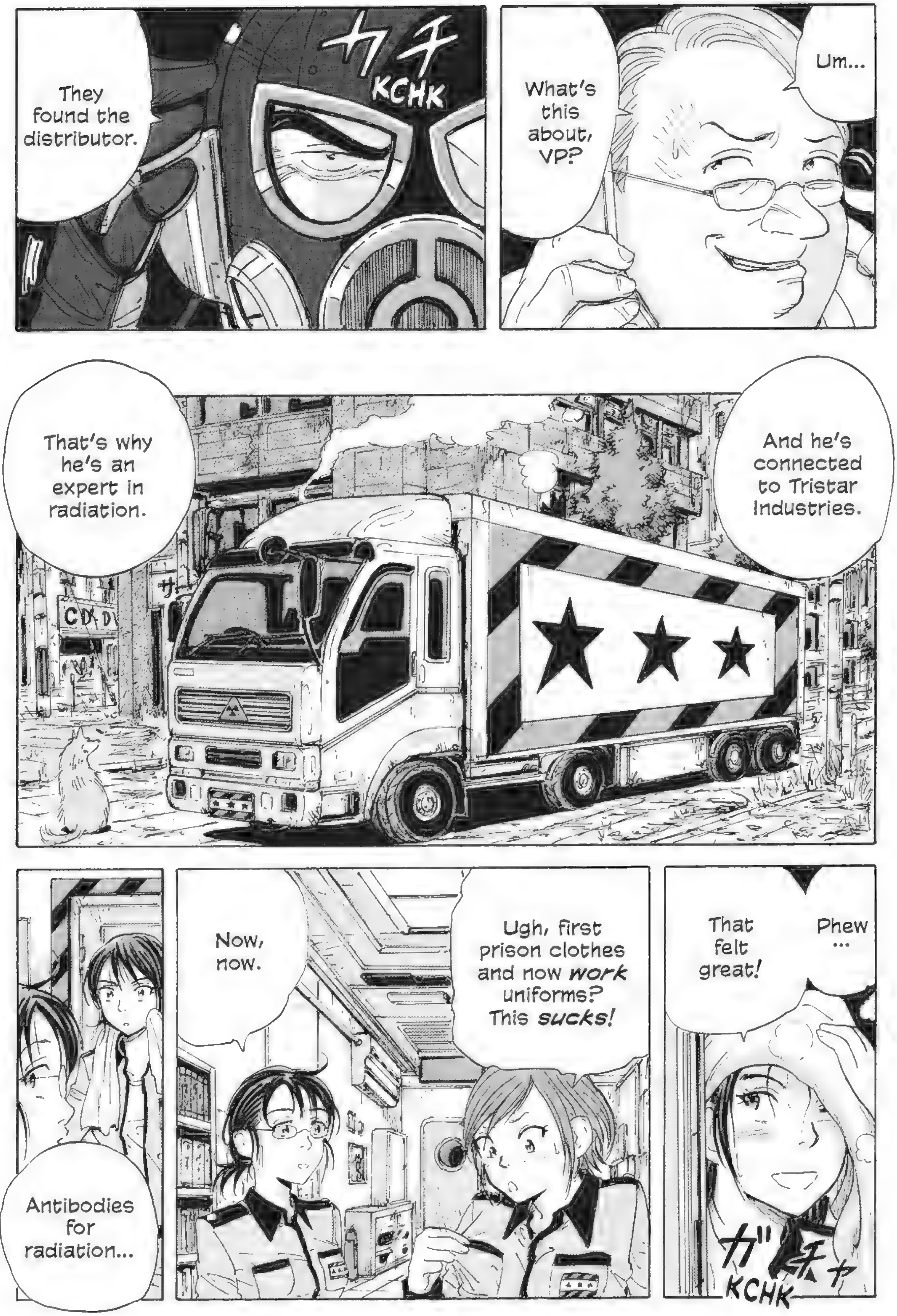

Doc!
Don't shoot!
Don't come any closer!
KCHK
We have your car key!
Kill me and you'll never find it!
Y...
You!
Where's your suit ...?!
Augh! She's a monster !!

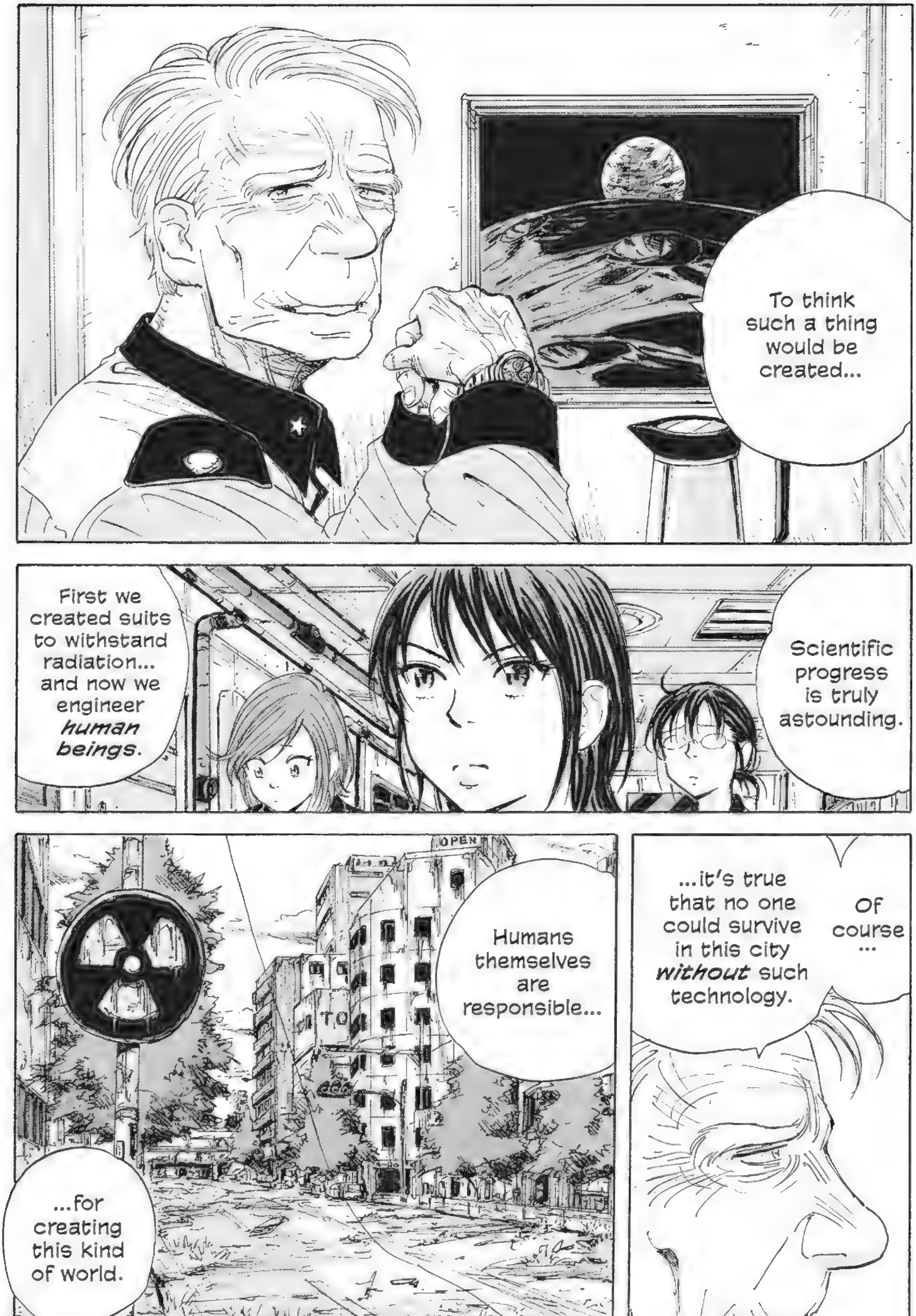

We're *Coppelion*— a special forces unit with the JGSDF 3rd Division.
Anti-bodies ...?
We have antibodies that make us immune to radiation.
For *radiation* ...?!
We're here to evacuate you.
A JGSDF helicopter's on its way.
We didn't ask for that!
Give us the key!
ガチャ
KCHK
But...
...aren't you the ones who sent out an SOS?
An SOS?
I see... they must have run out of supplies...

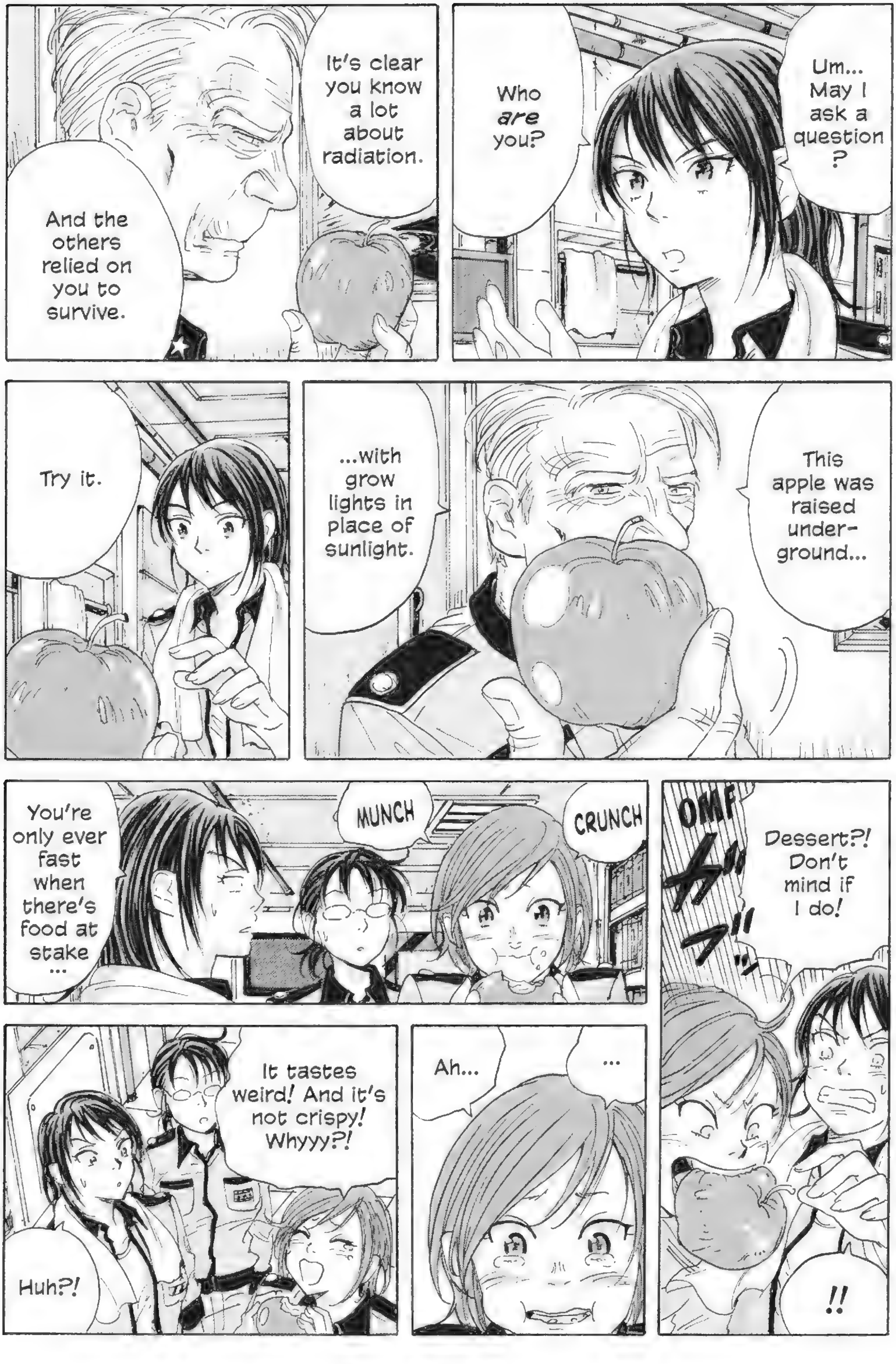

Someone sent out an SOS because our delivery is so late...
Hold up...
You're the distributors?!
You've been bringing the other survivors supplies?!
Correct.
We made deliveries on every Sunday until last month.
However...
...several months ago, new *danger zones* suddenly started forming in the Tama-Fuchu area.
It's put us in a difficult position.
"Danger zones"?
Areas with high-level radiation...
We call them danger zones.

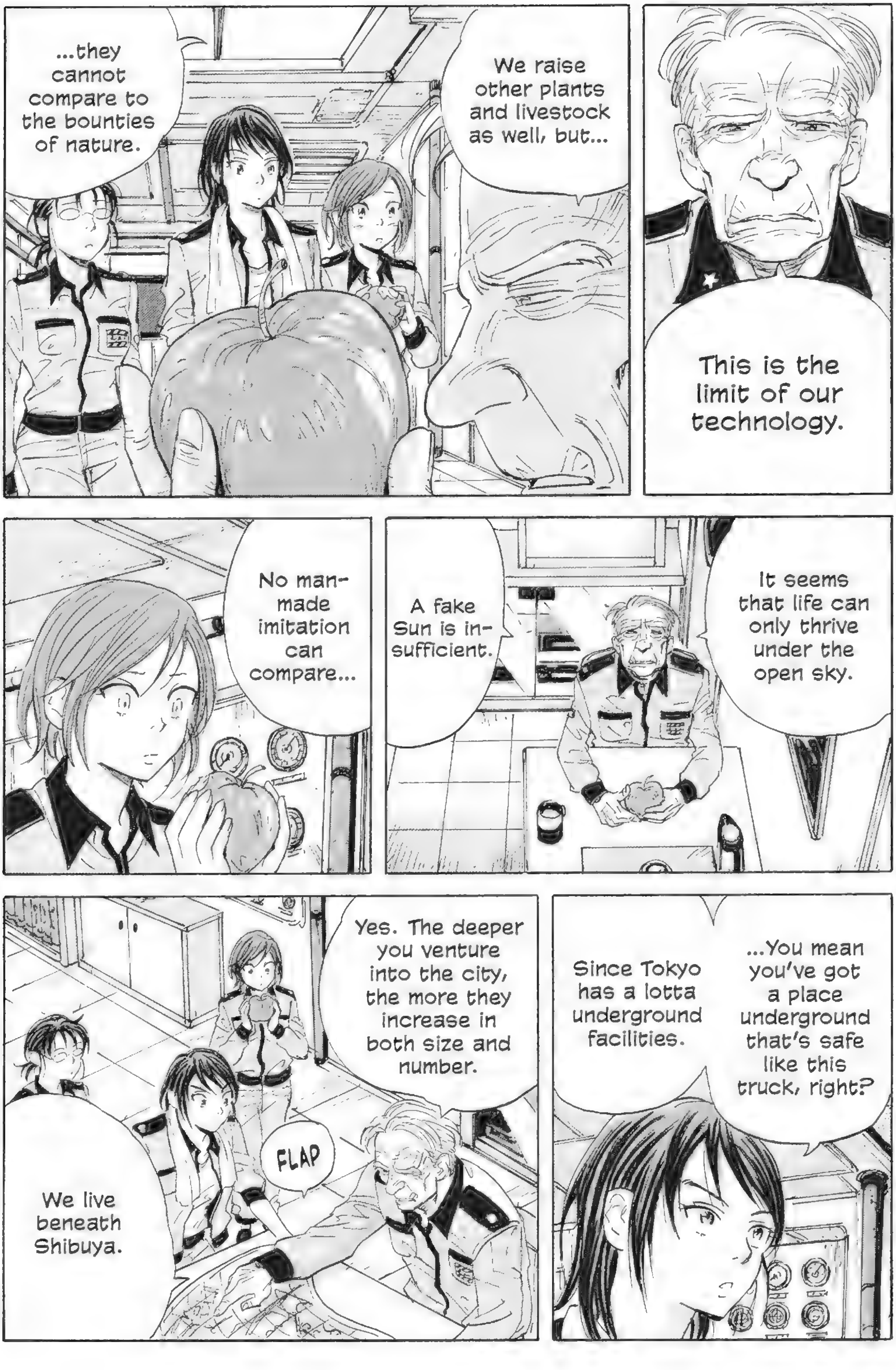

SWIIISH
The radiation...
You *knew* it was that bad, but you still came out here?
Yes... this is my *duty*.
Please... return the key to us.
We cannot unlock the delivery truck without it.
The air inside the truck is clean...
HUFF
We must change our oxygen tanks soon...
WHEEZE
...Alright.
Aoi! Taeko!
Bring the key!

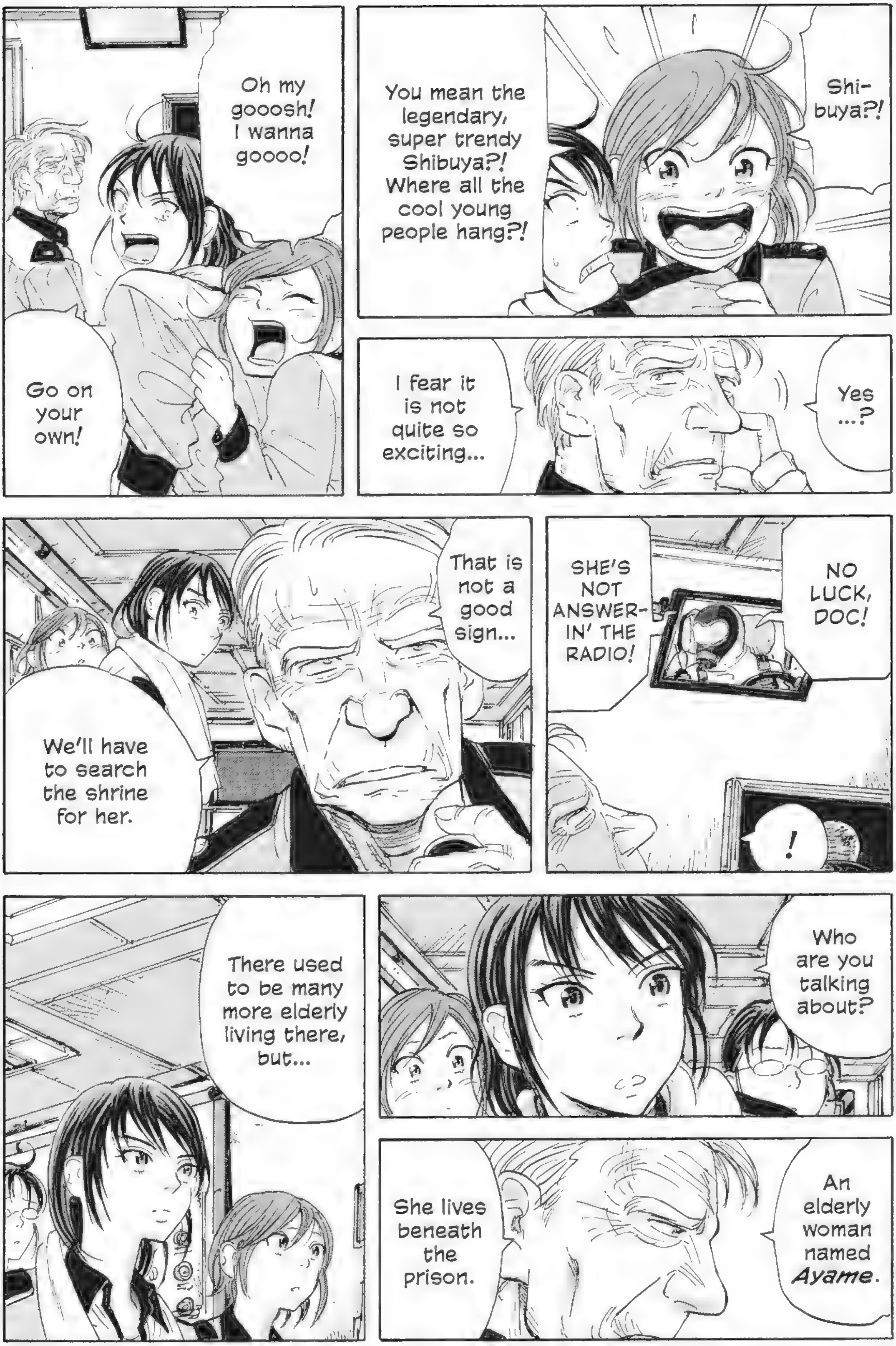

CLOP
Musha-nokoji!
THIS IS MISHIMA!
TMP
Vice Principal, what a surprise!
3RD DIVISION RESEARCH CENTER
ZZZ
Hello hello!
The eel you treated me to last night was positively heavenly—
I need you to run an urgent search!
FWAP
Get me a list of Tristar Industries' most capable nuclear engineers! Anyone who'd be in their sixties or seventies now!
Tristar Industries? You mean...
TAK TAK
TAK TAK
...the company we developed the Barrier Suits with?
TRISTAR INDUSTRIES
三ツ星重工
Dramatic Technologies
PING
The contractors behind Daiba Nuclear Power Plant's construction?
THE VERY SAME! LOOK FOR THOSE WHO WERE CONFIRMED DEAD WITHIN THE LAST 20 YEARS...
...AND ANY WHO'VE GONE MISSING! HURRY!

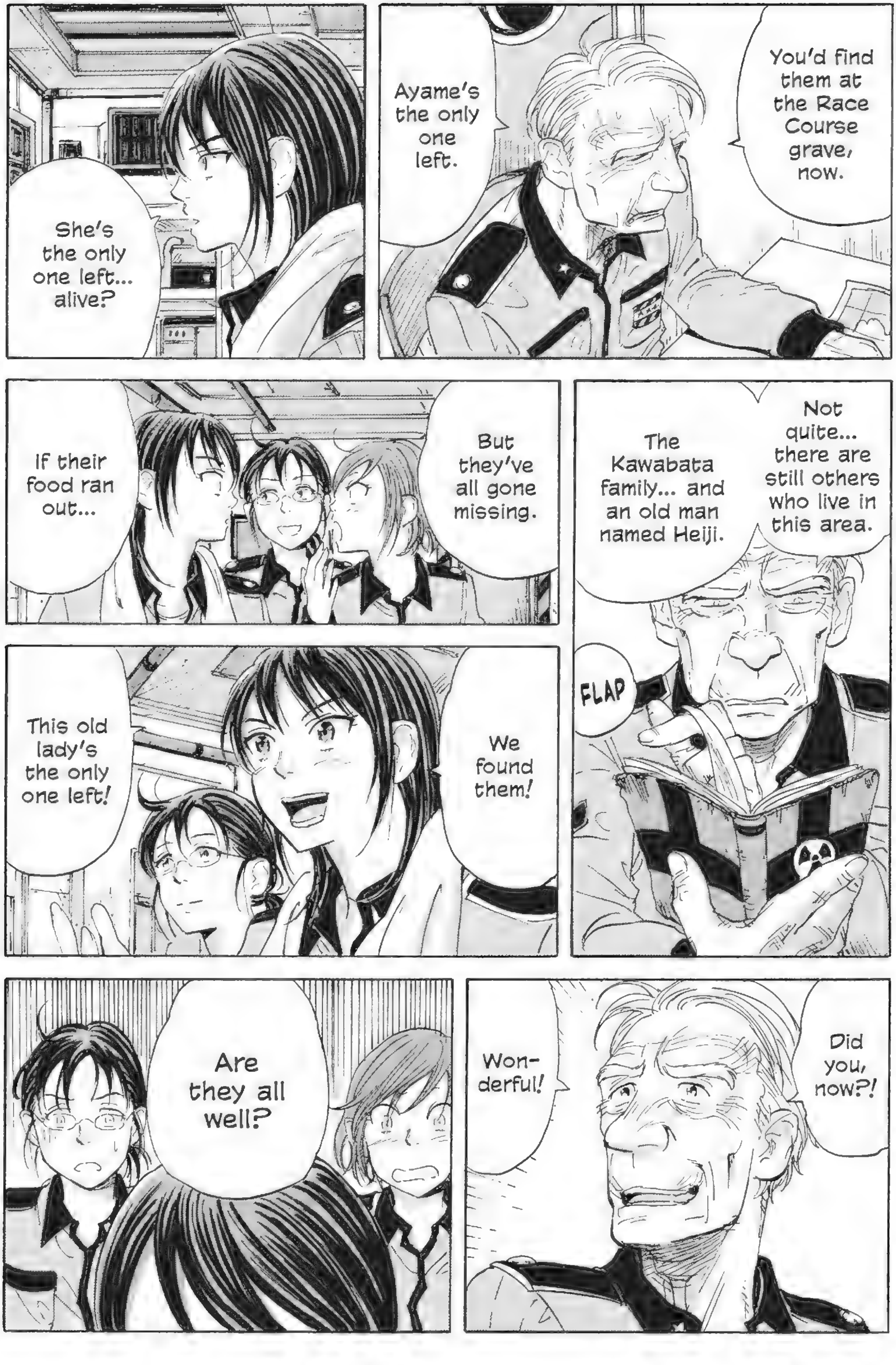

Um...
What's this about, VP?
カチ
KCHK
They found the distributor.
And he's connected to Tristar Industries.
That's why he's an expert in radiation.
CD
Phew...
That felt great!
ガチャ
KCHK
Ugh, first prison clothes and now *work* uniforms? This *sucks!*
Now, now.
Antibodies for radiation...

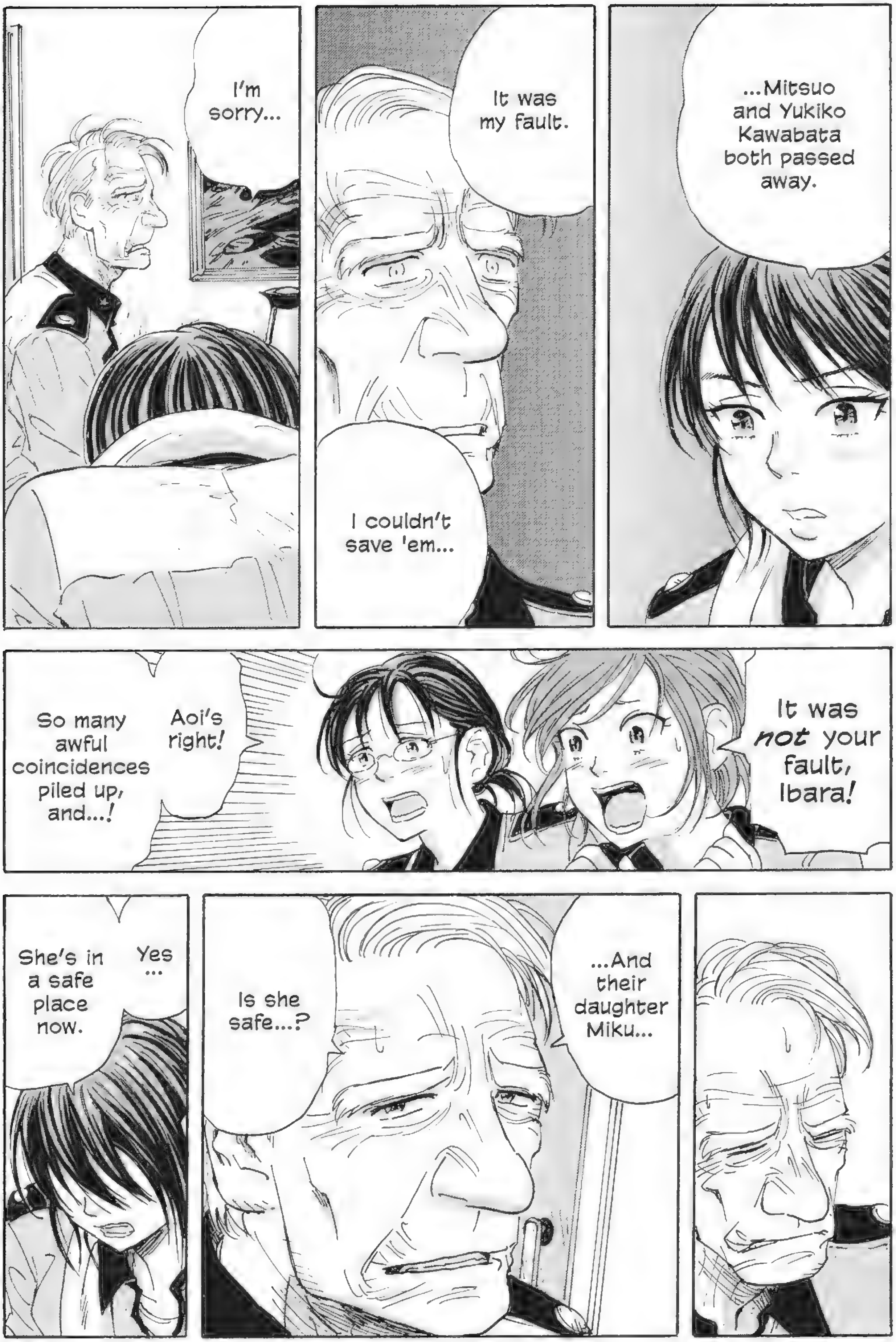

To think such a thing would be created...
Scientific progress is truly astounding.
First we created suits to withstand radiation... and now we engineer *human beings*.
Of course...
...it's true that no one could survive in this city *without* such technology.
OPEN
TO
Humans themselves are responsible...
...for creating this kind of world.

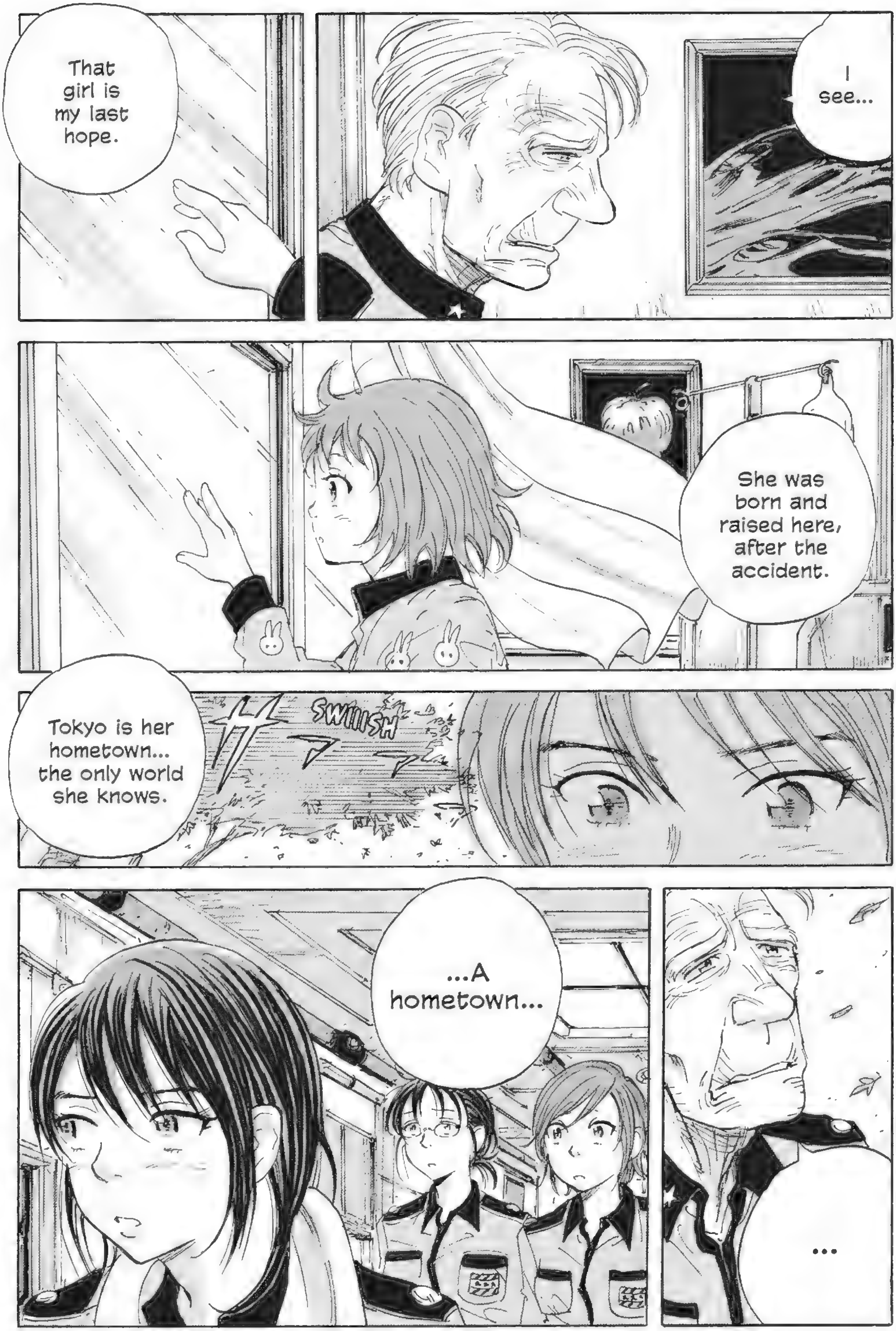

Um... May I ask a question?
Who *are* you?
It's clear you know a lot about radiation.
And the others relied on you to survive.
This apple was raised underground...
...with grow lights in place of sunlight.
Try it.
OMF
ガブッ
Dessert?! Don't mind if I do!
!!
CRUNCH
MUNCH
You're only ever fast when there's food at stake...
...
Ah...
It tastes weird! And it's not crispy! Whyyy?!
Huh?!

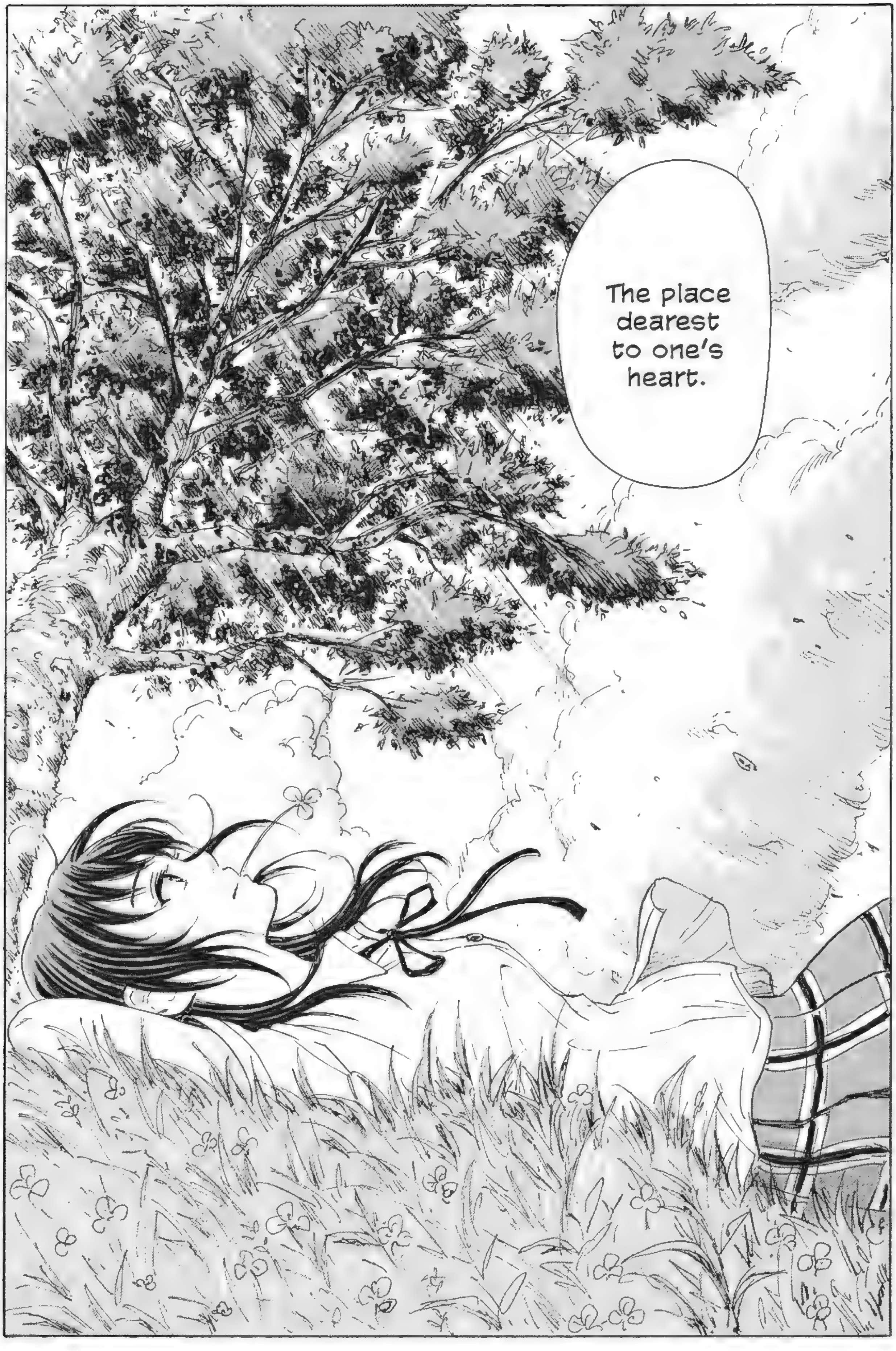

This is the limit of our technology.
We raise other plants and livestock as well, but...
...they cannot compare to the bounties of nature.
It seems that life can only thrive under the open sky.
A fake Sun is insufficient.
No man-made imitation can compare...
...You mean you've got a place underground that's safe like this truck, right?
Since Tokyo has a lotta underground facilities.
Yes. The deeper you venture into the city, the more they increase in size and number.
FLAP
We live beneath Shibuya.

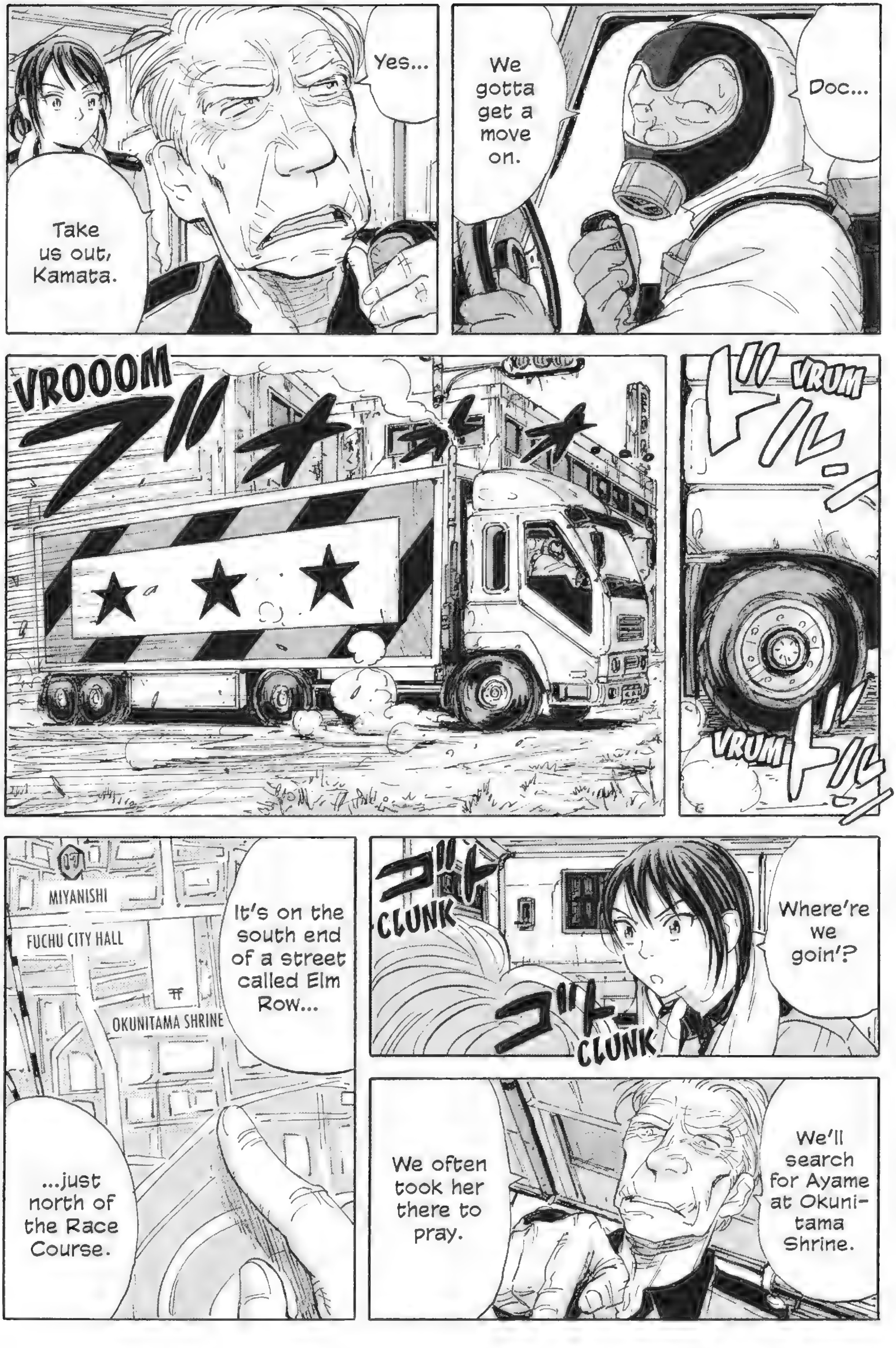

Shi-buya?!
You mean the legendary, super trendy Shibuya?! Where all the cool young people hang?!
Oh my gooosh! I wanna goooo!
Go on your own!
Yes ...?
I fear it is not quite so exciting...
NO LUCK, DOC!
SHE'S NOT ANSWERIN' THE RADIO!
!
That is not a good sign...
We'll have to search the shrine for her.
Who are you talking about?
An elderly woman named *Ayame*.
She lives beneath the prison.
There used to be many more elderly living there, but...

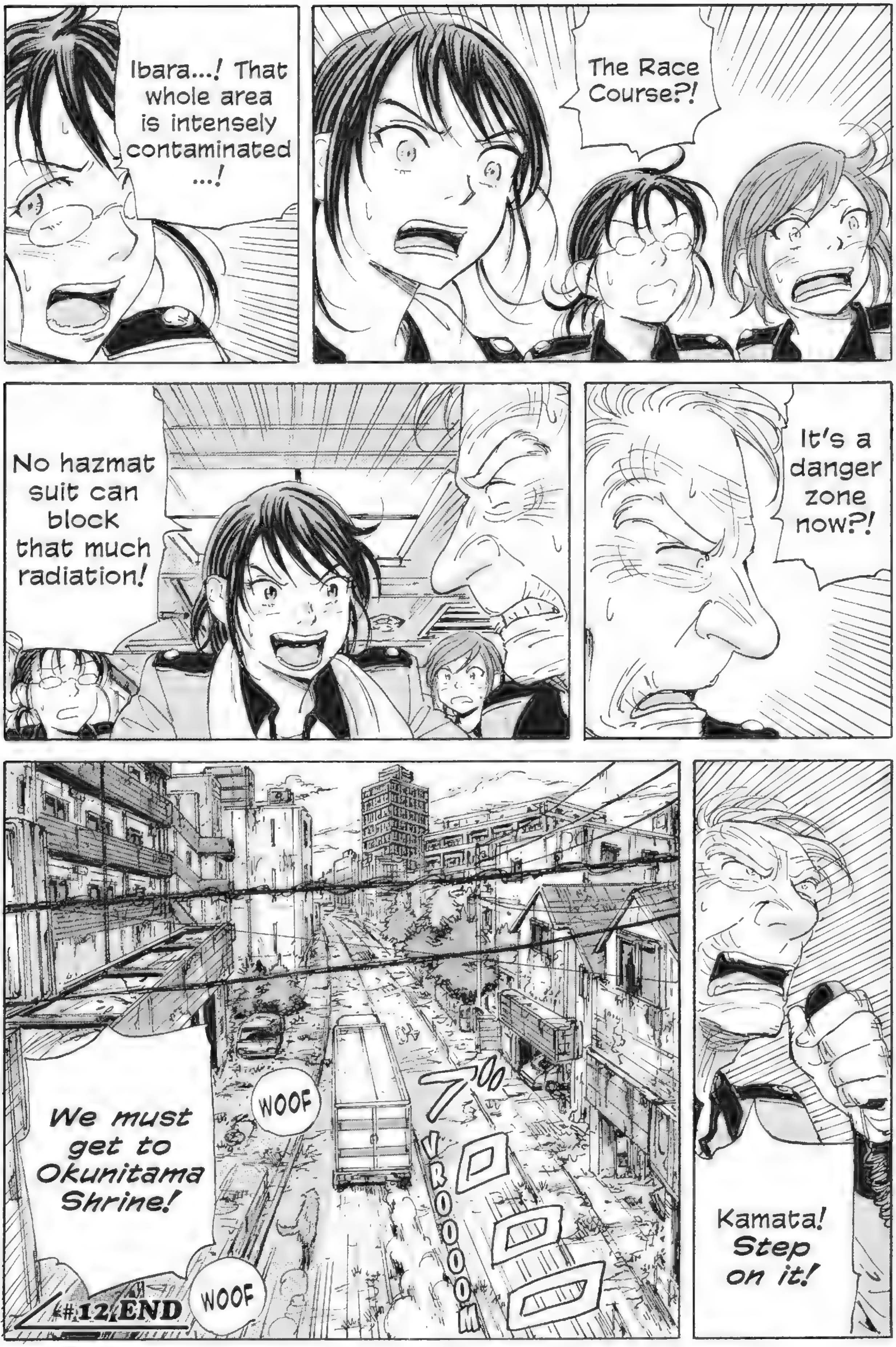

You'd find them at the Race Course grave, now.
Ayame's the only one left.
She's the only one left... alive?
Not quite... there are still others who live in this area.
The Kawabata family... and an old man named Heiji.
FLAP
But they've all gone missing.
If their food ran out...
We found them!
This old lady's the only one left!
Did you, now?!
Wonderful!
Are they all well?


...Mitsuo and Yukiko Kawabata both passed away.
It was my fault.
I couldn't save 'em...
I'm sorry...
It was *not* your fault, Ibara!
Aoi's right!
So many awful coincidences piled up, and...!
...And their daughter Miku...
Is she safe...?
Yes...
She's in a safe place now.


I see...
That girl is my last hope.
She was born and raised here, after the accident.
Tokyo is her hometown... the only world she knows.
SWIIISH
...
...A hometown...


The place dearest to one's heart.


Doc...
We gotta get a move on.
Yes...
Take us out, Kamata.
VRUM
ドルル
VRUM
ドルル
VROOOM
ブォォォ
Where're we goin'?
ゴト
CLUNK
ゴトー
CLUNK
We'll search for Ayame at Okunitama Shrine.
We often took her there to pray.
It's on the south end of a street called Elm Row...
...just north of the Race Course.
MIYANISHI
FUCHU CITY HALL
OKUNITAMA SHRINE


The Race Course?!
Ibara...! That whole area is intensely contaminated ...!
It's a danger zone now?!
No hazmat suit can block that much radiation!
Kamata! Step on it!
VROOOOOOM
WOOF
WOOF
We must get to Okunitama Shrine!
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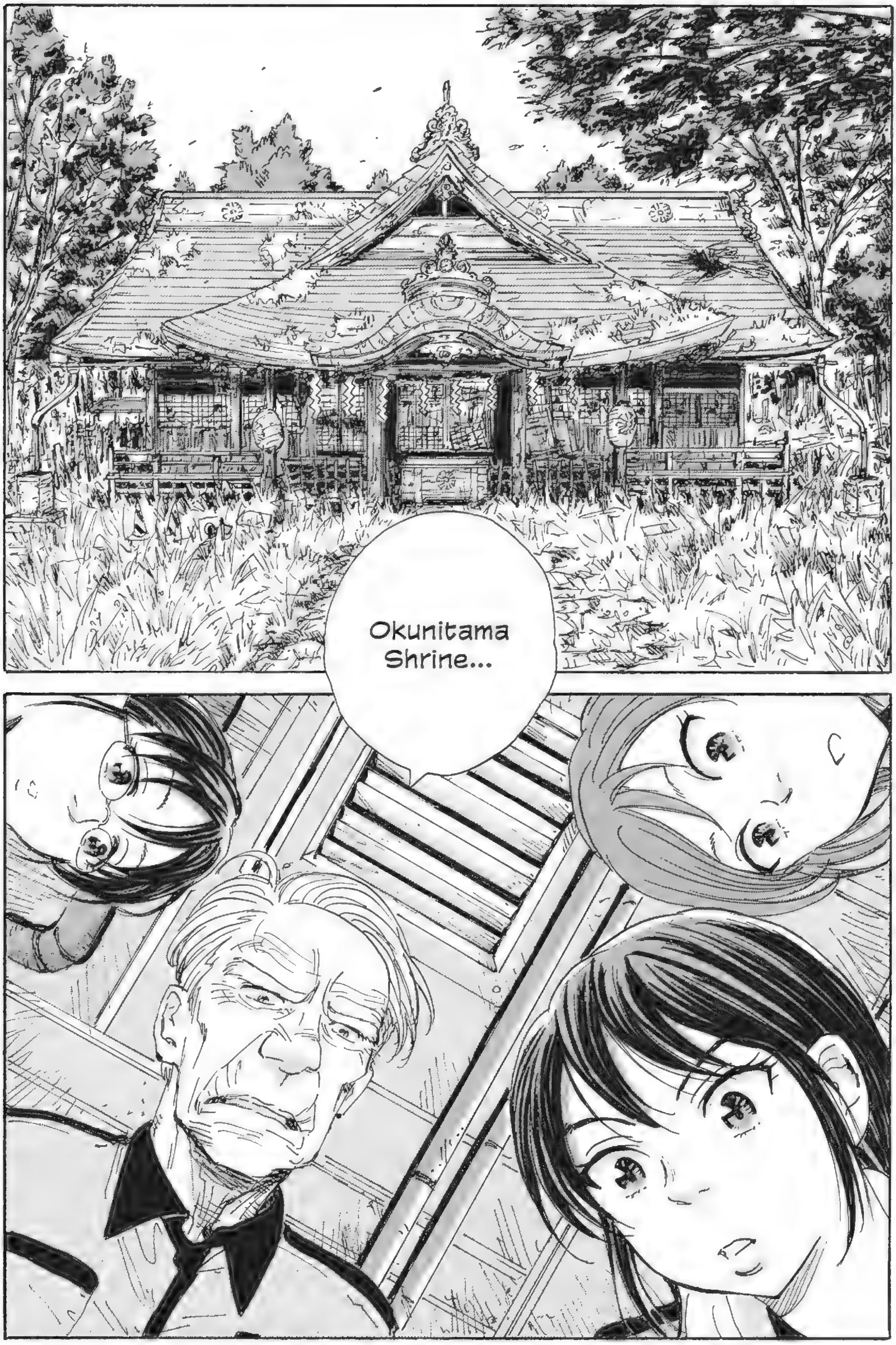
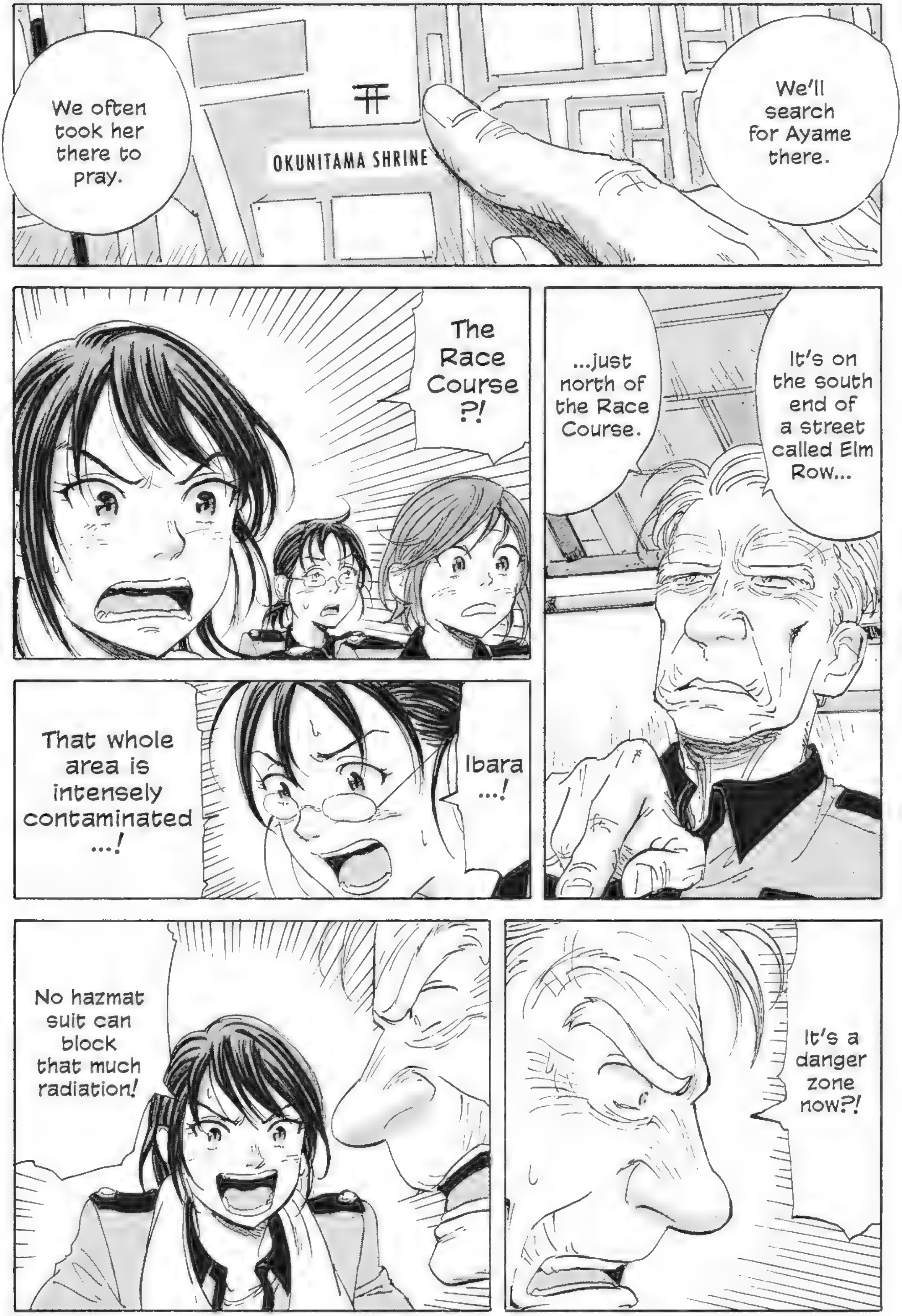

Okunitama Shrine...


We'll search for Ayame there.
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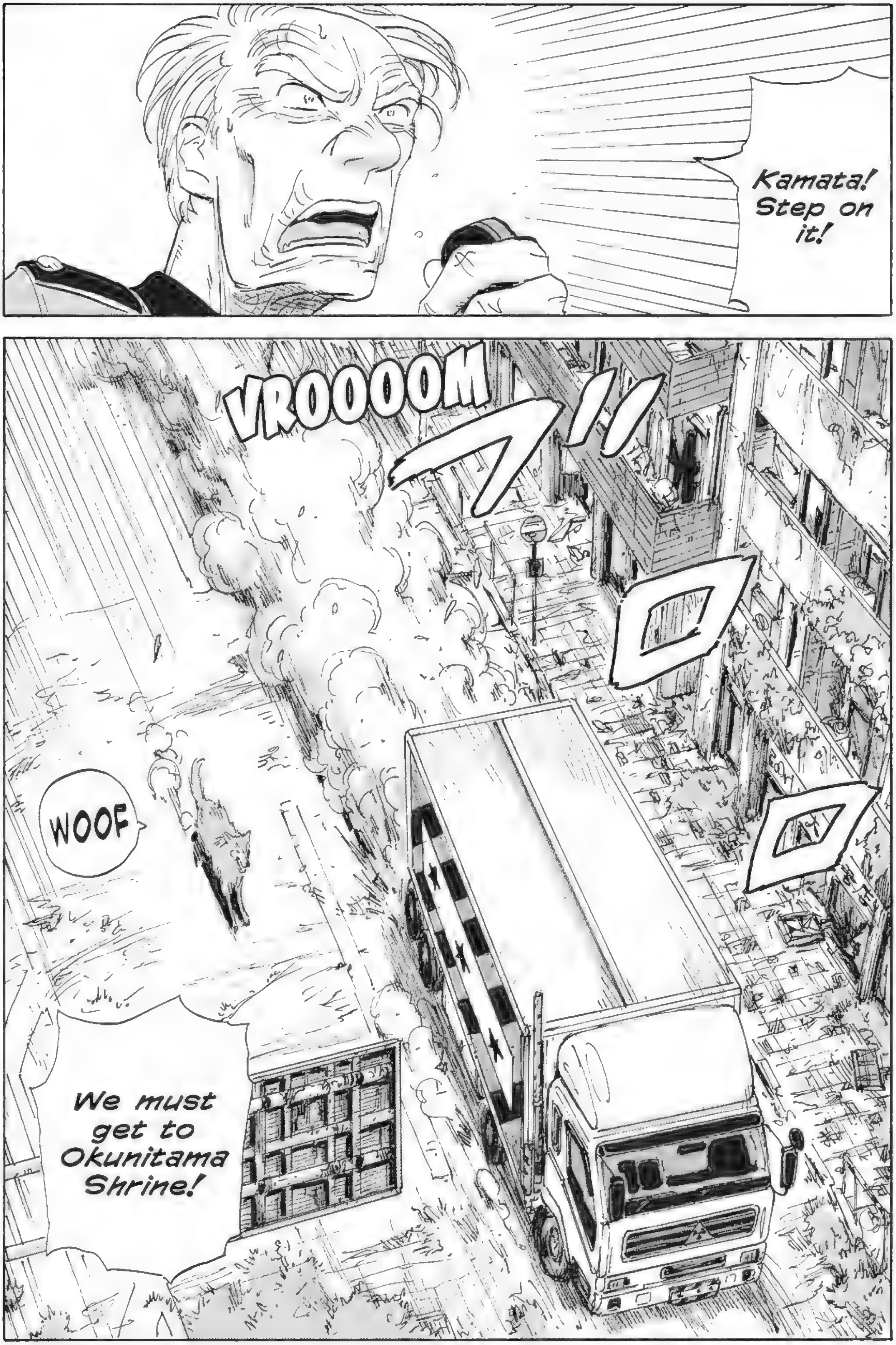
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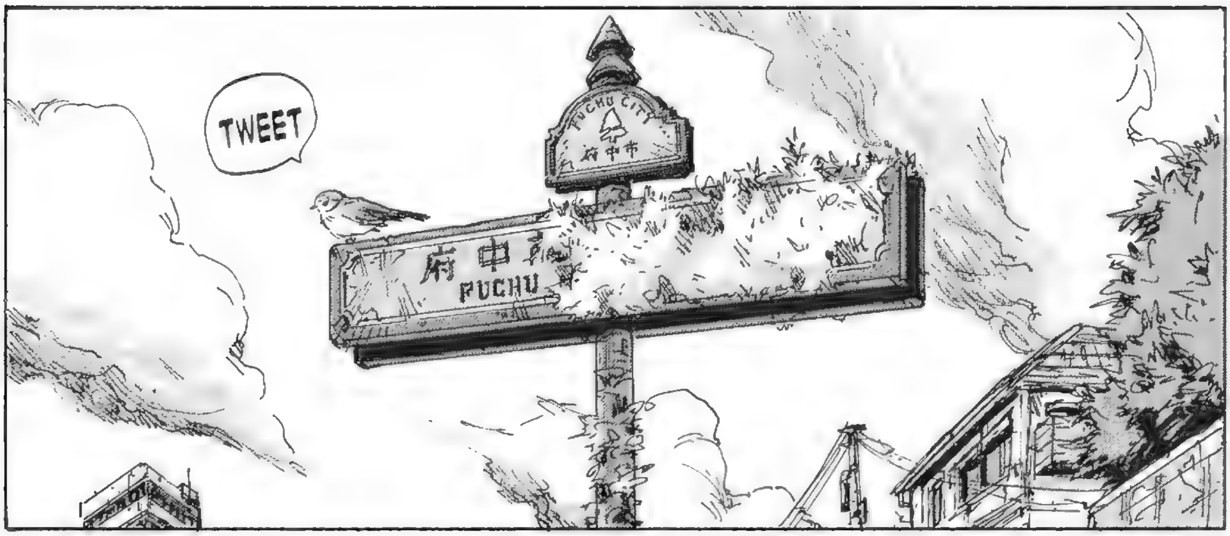
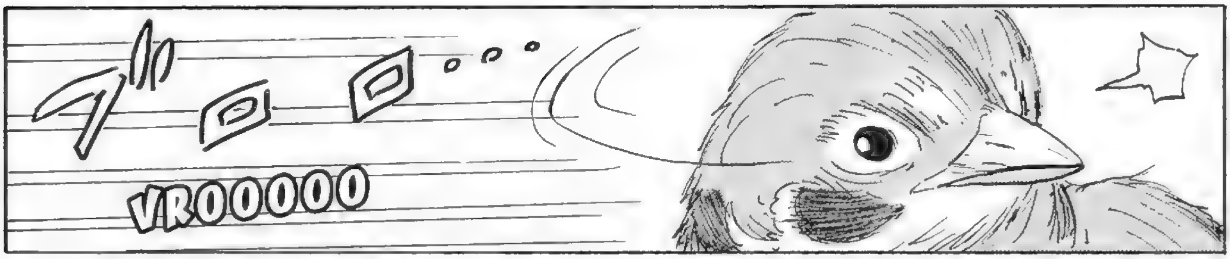
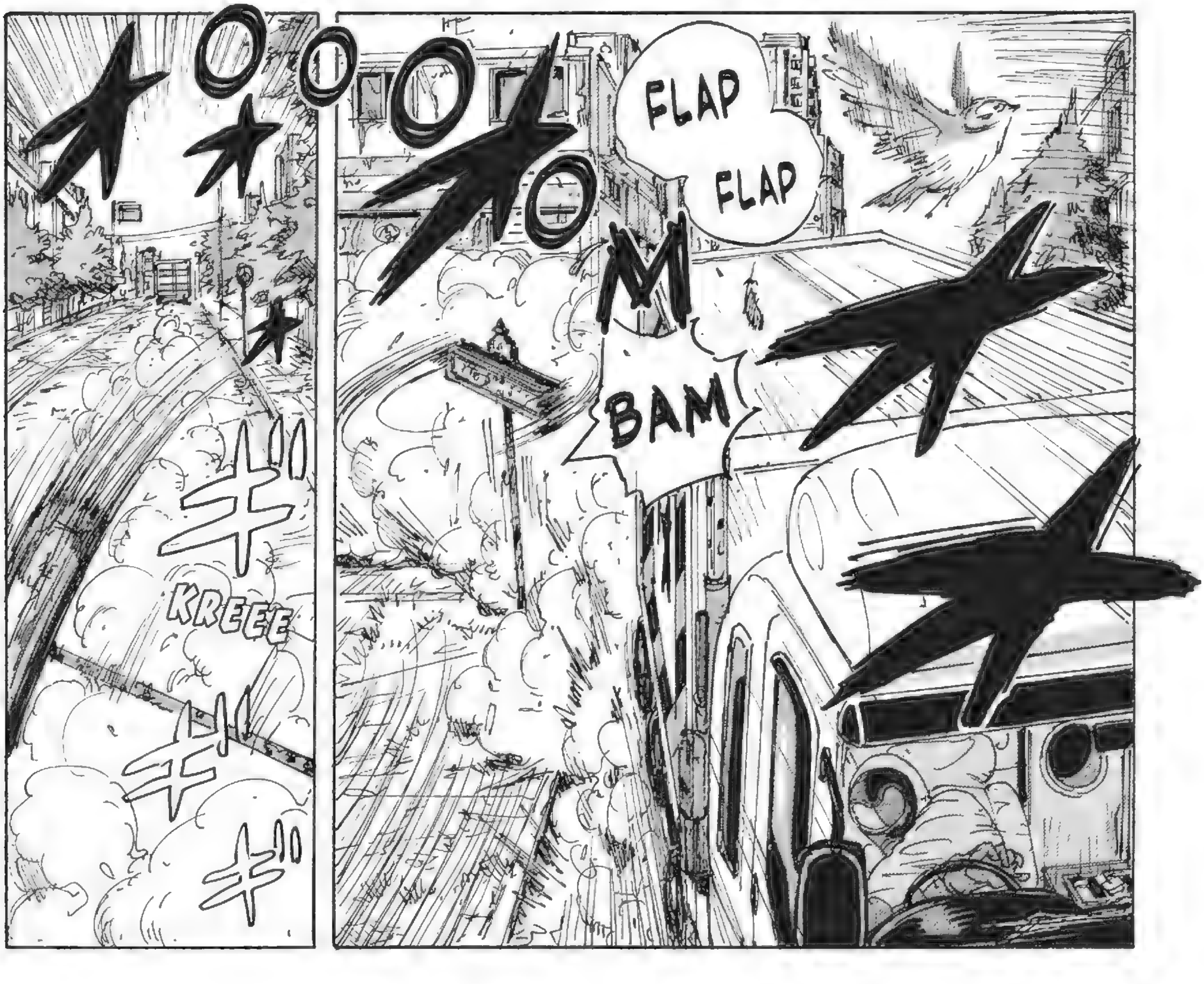
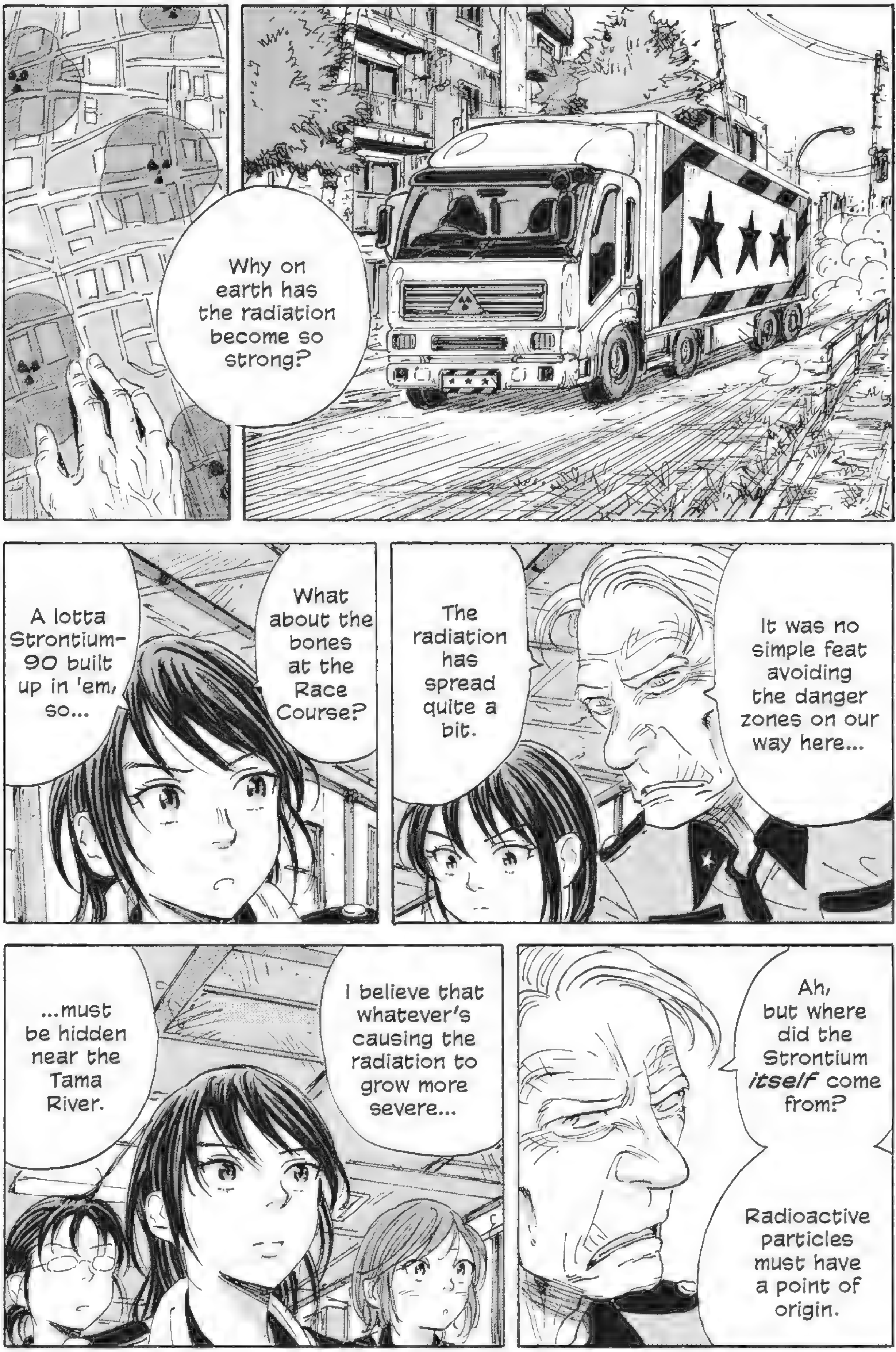
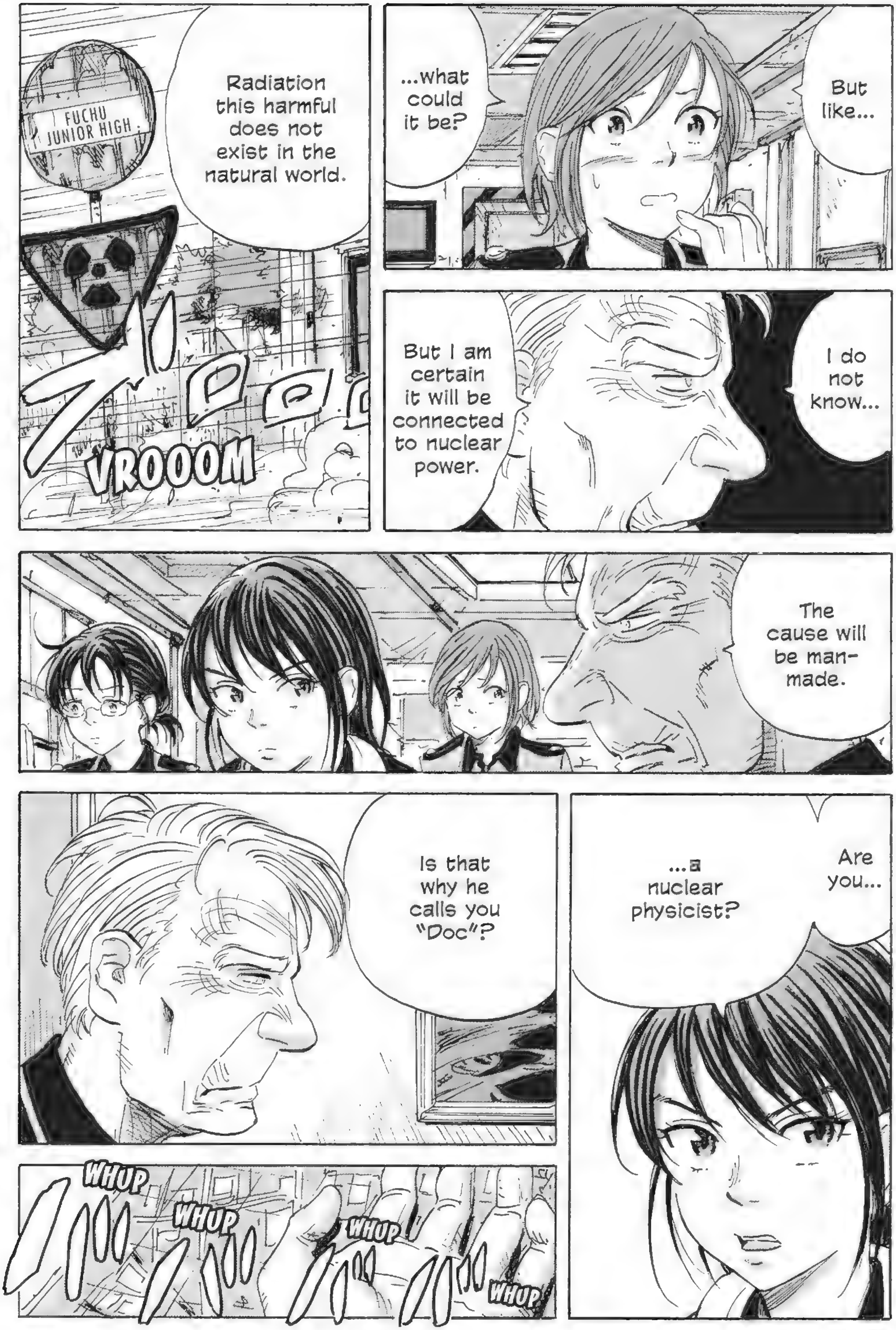
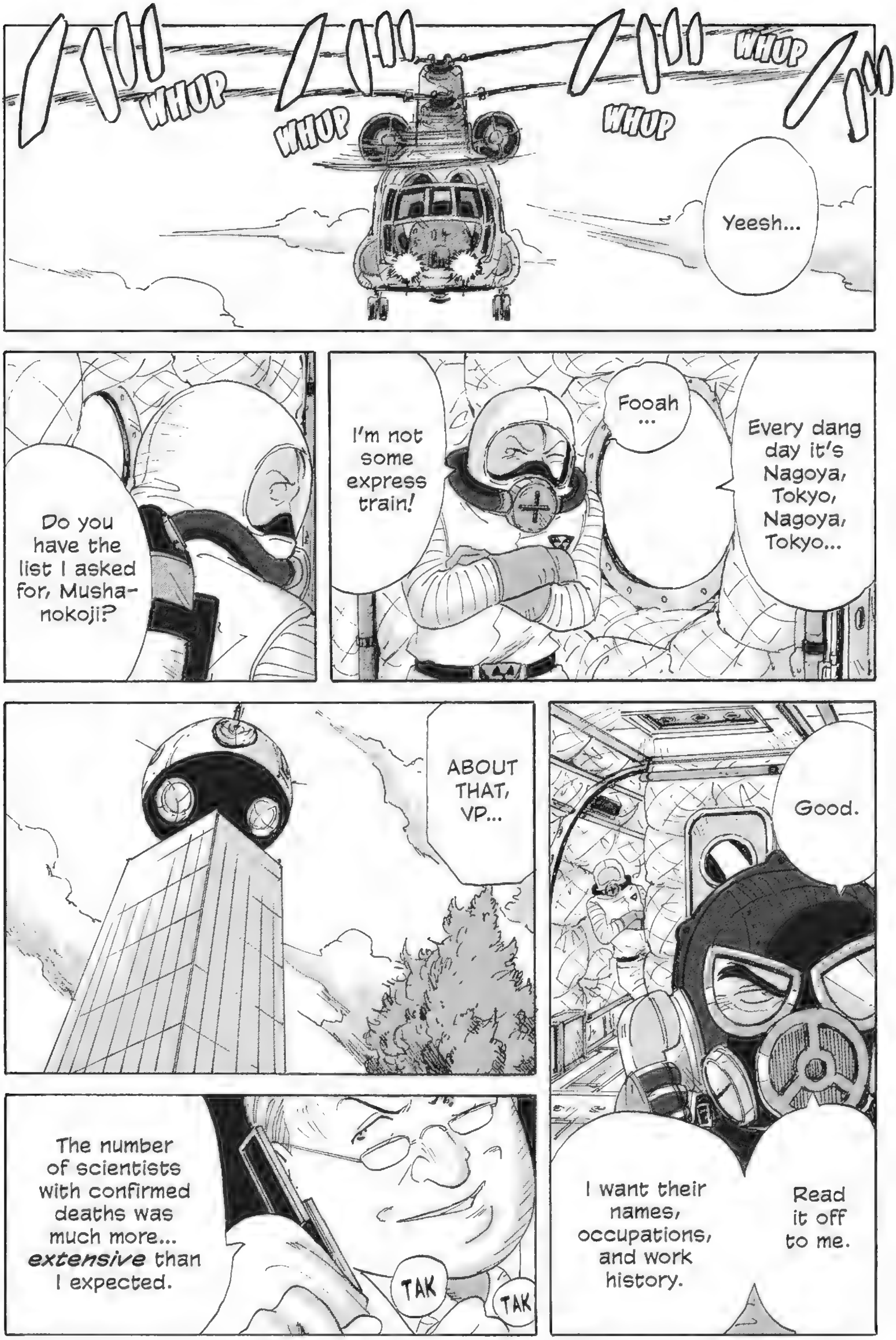

TWEET
FUCHU CITY
府中市
府中
FUCHU

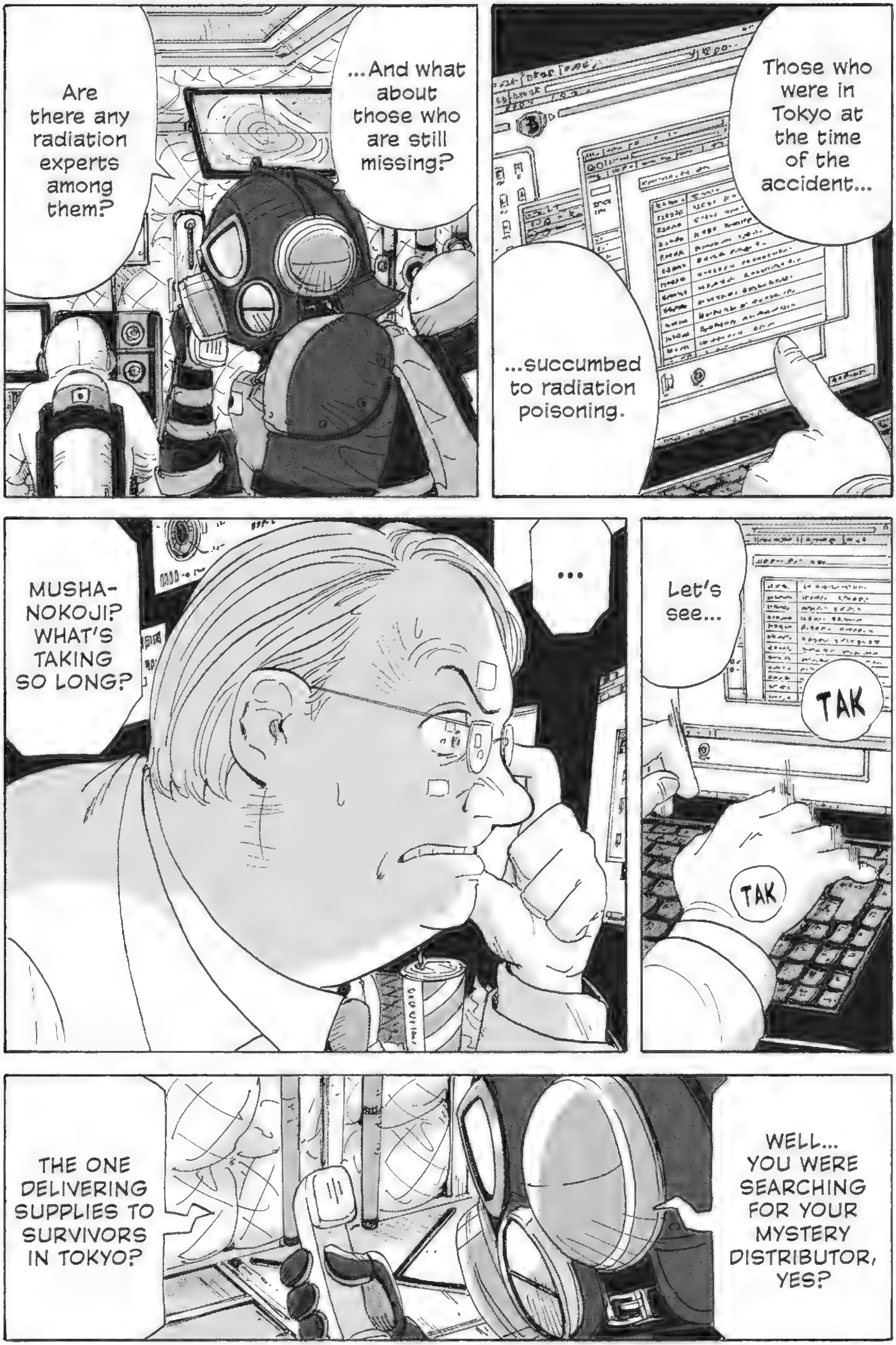

ブロロ…
VROOOOO

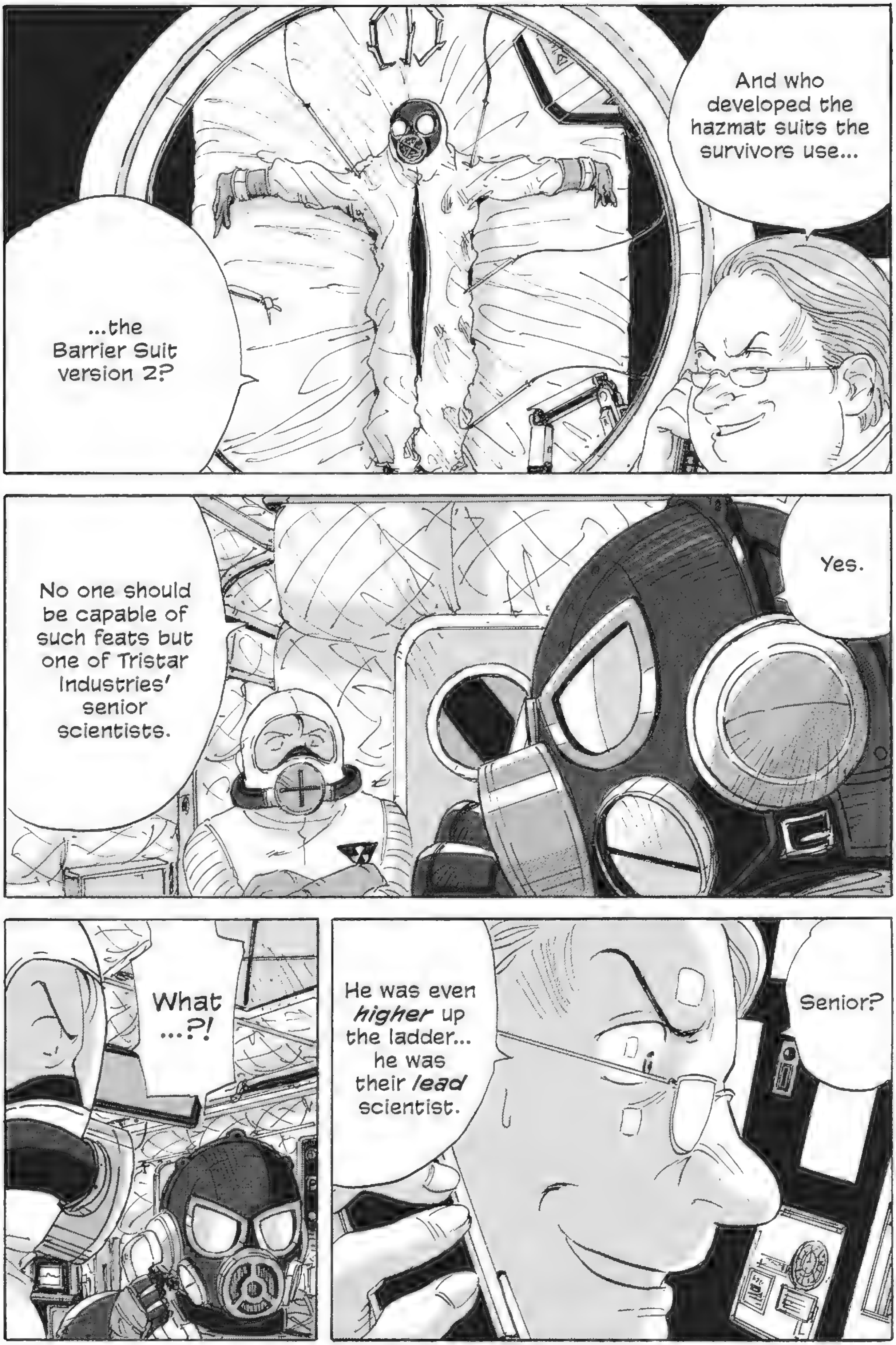

OOOOOM
FLAP
FLAP
BAM
ギギギ
KREEE

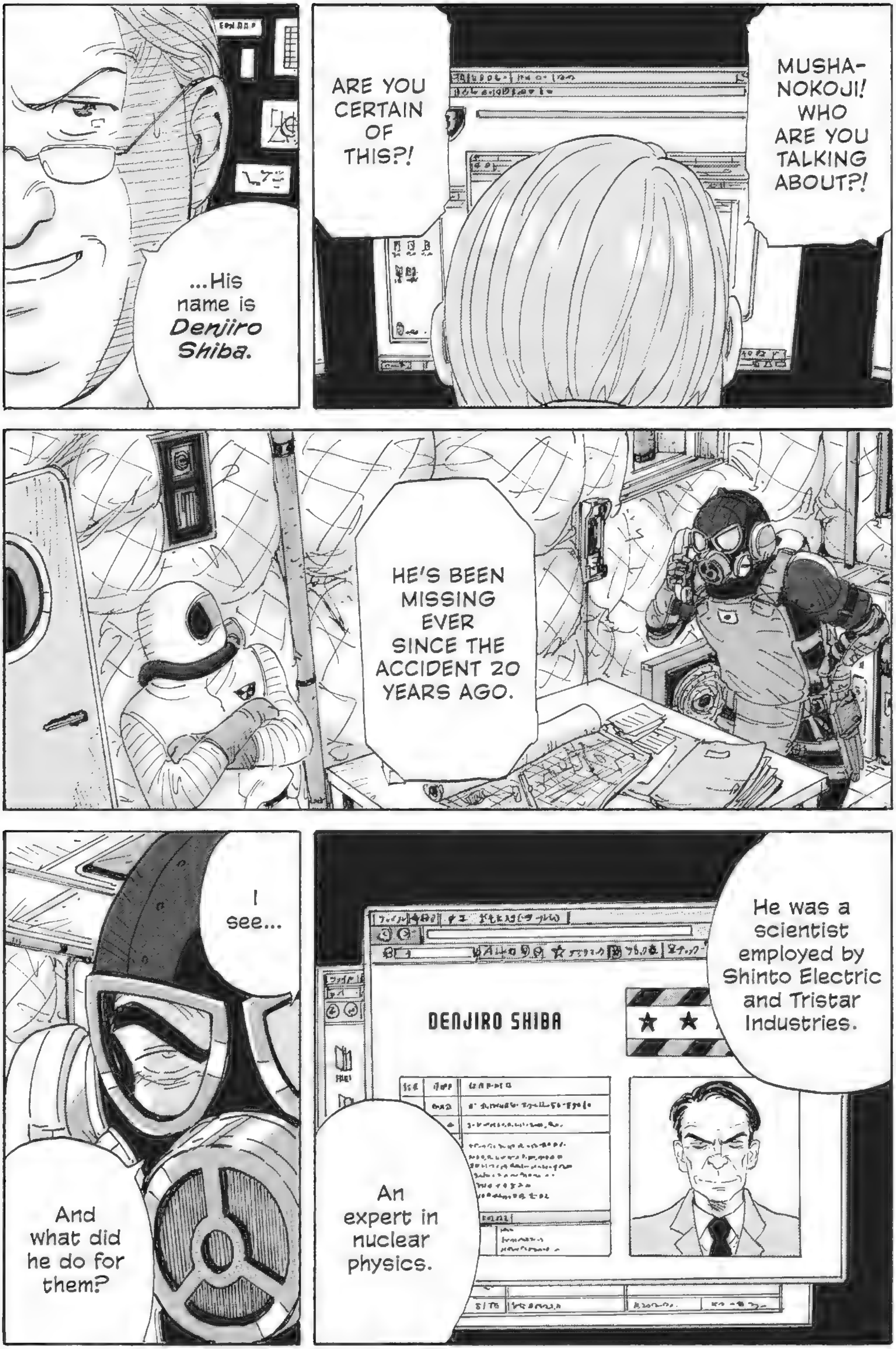

Why on earth has the radiation become so strong?
It was no simple feat avoiding the danger zones on our way here...
The radiation has spread quite a bit.
What about the bones at the Race Course?
A lotta Strontium-90 built up in 'em, so...
Ah, but where did the Strontium *itself* come from?
Radioactive particles must have a point of origin.
I believe that whatever's causing the radiation to grow more severe...
...must be hidden near the Tama River.

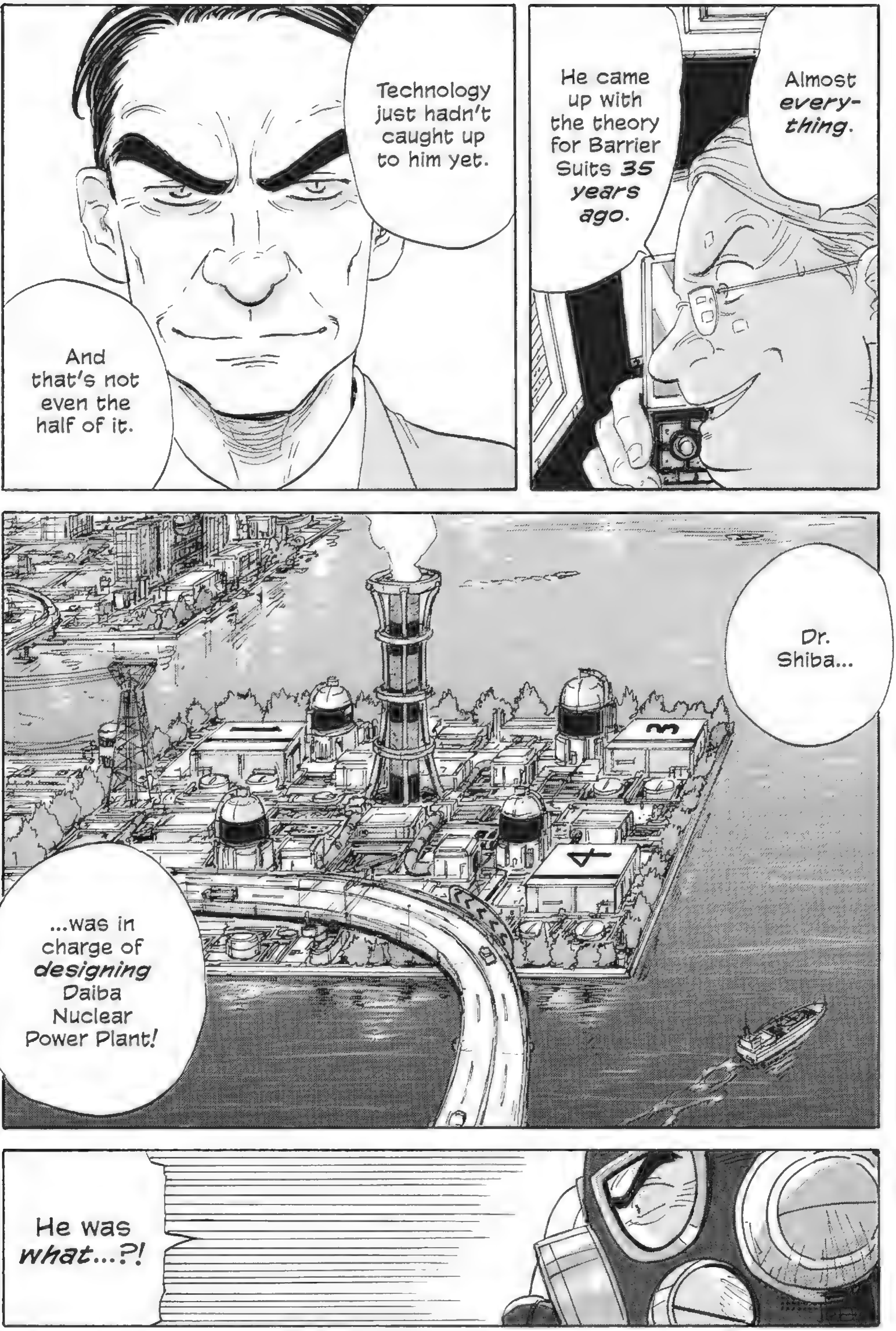

But like...
...what could it be?
I do not know...
But I am certain it will be connected to nuclear power.
FUCHU JUNIOR HIGH
Radiation this harmful does not exist in the natural world.
VROOOM
The cause will be man-made.
Are you...
...a nuclear physicist?
Is that why he calls you "Doc"?
WHUP
WHUP
WHUP
WHUP

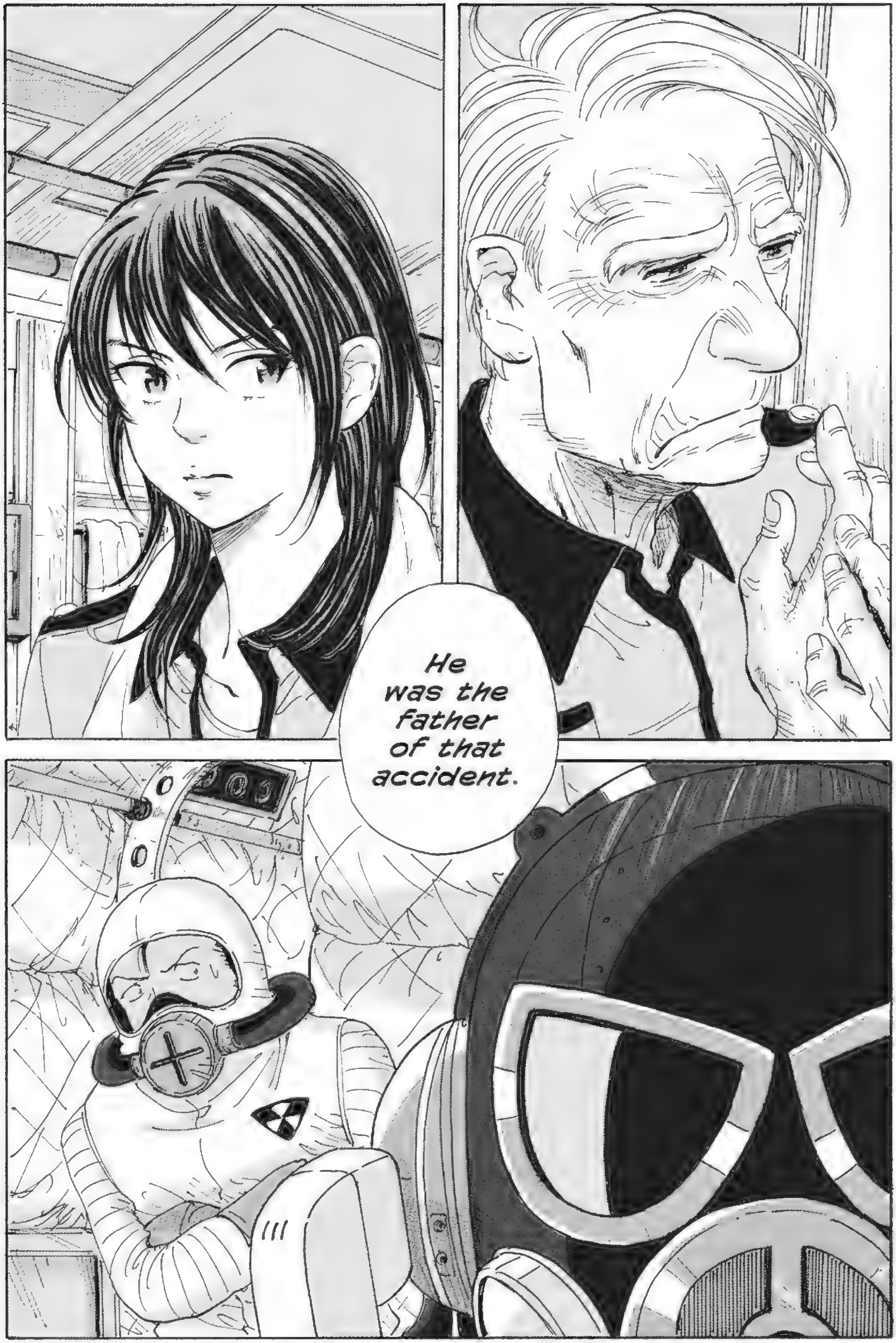

WHUP
WHUP
WHUP
WHUP
Yeesh...
Every dang day it's Nagoya, Tokyo, Nagoya, Tokyo...
Fooah...
I'm not some express train!
Do you have the list I asked for, Musha-nokoji?
ABOUT THAT, VP...
The number of scientists with confirmed deaths was much more... *extensive* than I expected.
TAK
TAK
Good.
Read it off to me.
I want their names, occupations, and work history.

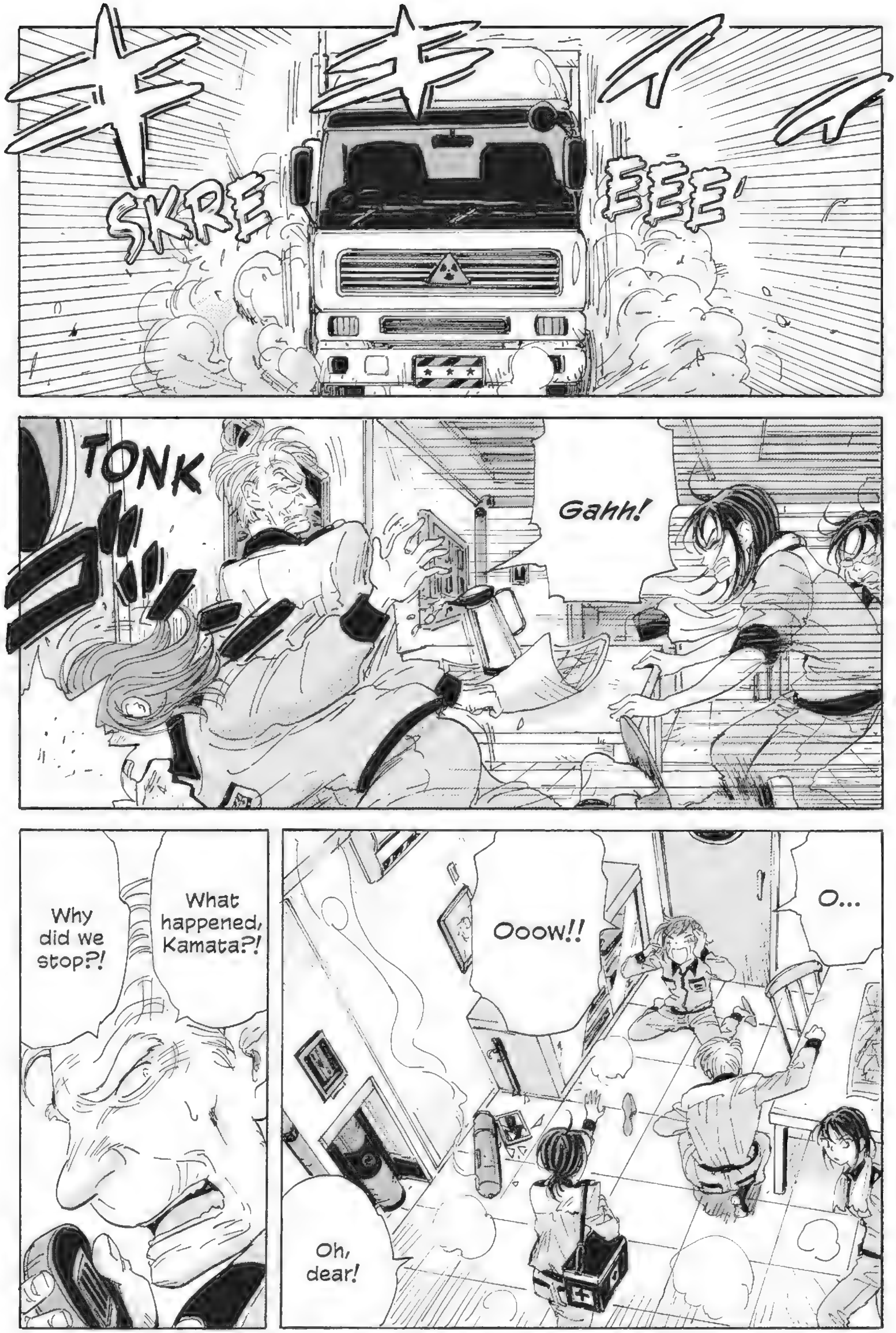

Those who were in Tokyo at the time of the accident...
...succumbed to radiation poisoning.
...And what about those who are still missing?
Are there any radiation experts among them?
Let's see...
TAK
TAK
...
MUSHA-NOKOJI? WHAT'S TAKING SO LONG?
WELL... YOU WERE SEARCHING FOR YOUR MYSTERY DISTRIBUTOR, YES?
THE ONE DELIVERING SUPPLIES TO SURVIVORS IN TOKYO?

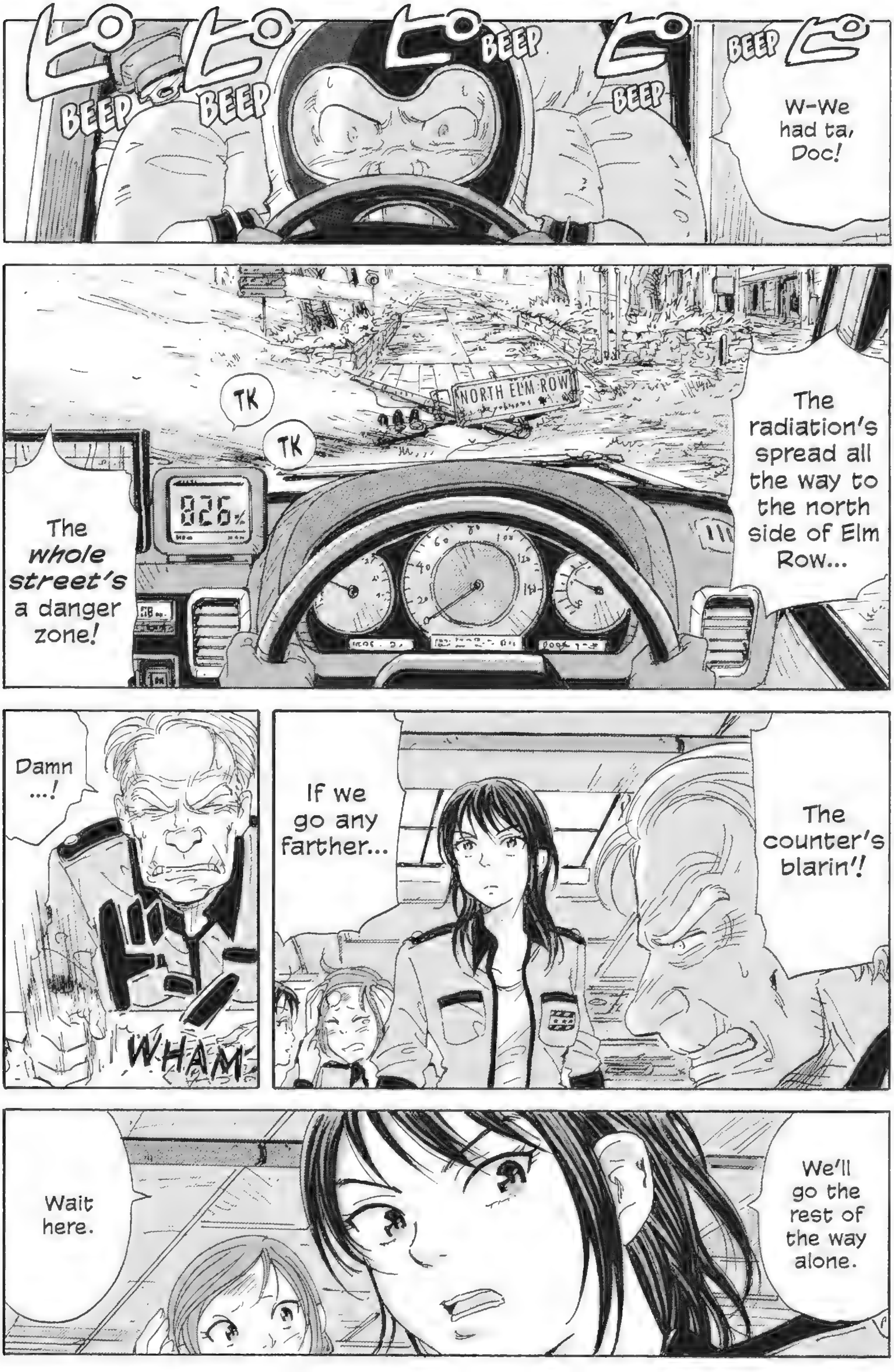

And who developed the hazmat suits the survivors use...
...the Barrier Suit version 2?
Yes.
No one should be capable of such feats but one of Tristar Industries' senior scientists.
Senior?
He was even *higher* up the ladder... he was their *lead* scientist.
What ...?!


MUSHA-NOKOJI! WHO ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?!
ARE YOU CERTAIN OF THIS?!
...His name is *Denjiro Shiba.*
HE'S BEEN MISSING EVER SINCE THE ACCIDENT 20 YEARS AGO.
He was a scientist employed by Shinto Electric and Tristar Industries.
DENJIRO SHIBA
I see...
And what did he do for them?
An expert in nuclear physics.


Technology just hadn't caught up to him yet.
And that's not even the half of it.
He came up with the theory for Barrier Suits *35 years ago*.
Almost *every-thing*.
Dr. Shiba...
...was in charge of *designing* Daiba Nuclear Power Plant!
He was *what...?!*


He was the father of that accident.


キキイイ
SKRE
EEE
TONK
ゴッ
Gahh!
O...
Ooow!!
Oh, dear!
What happened, Kamata?!
Why did we stop?!


ピ BEEP
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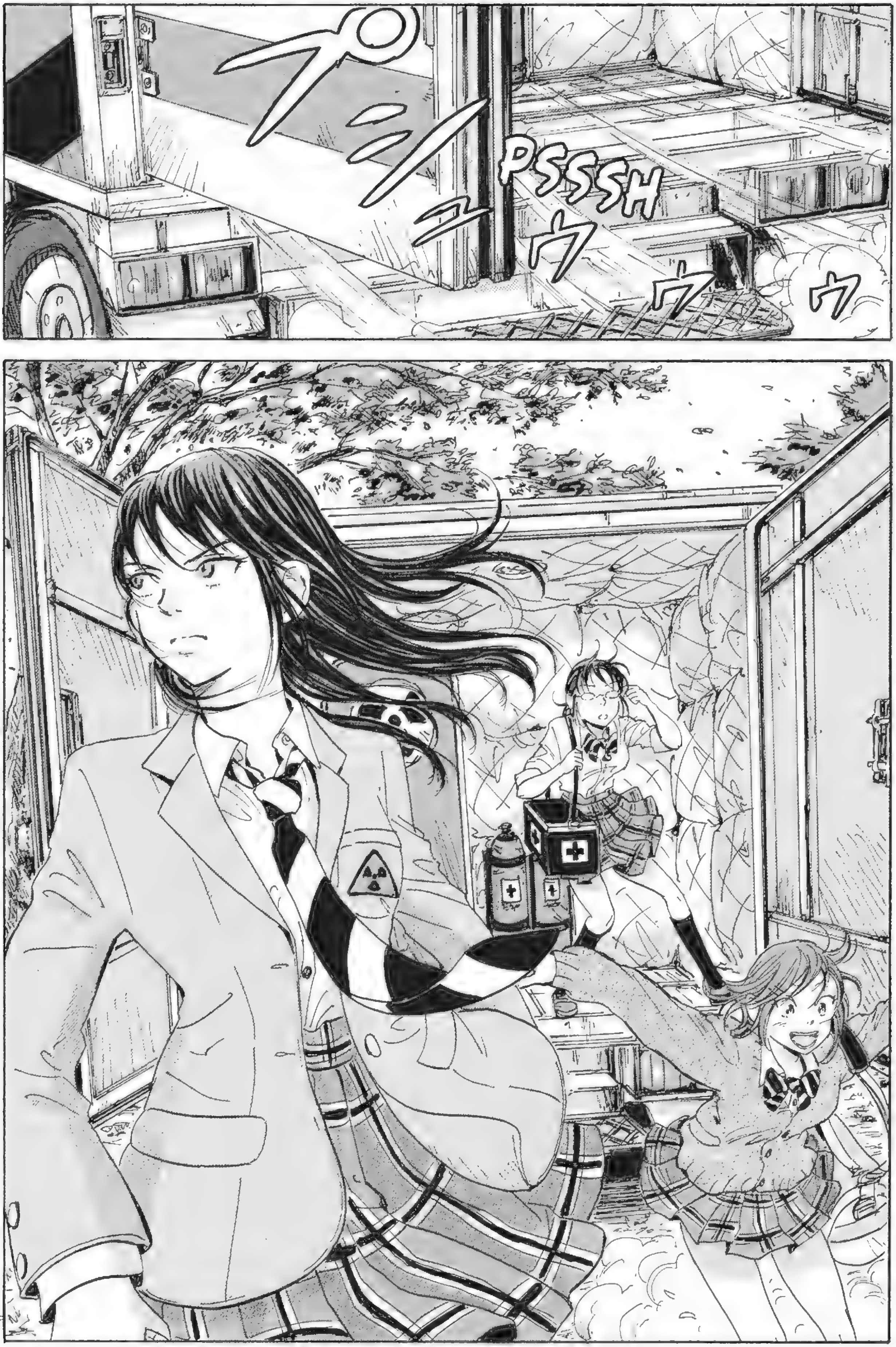
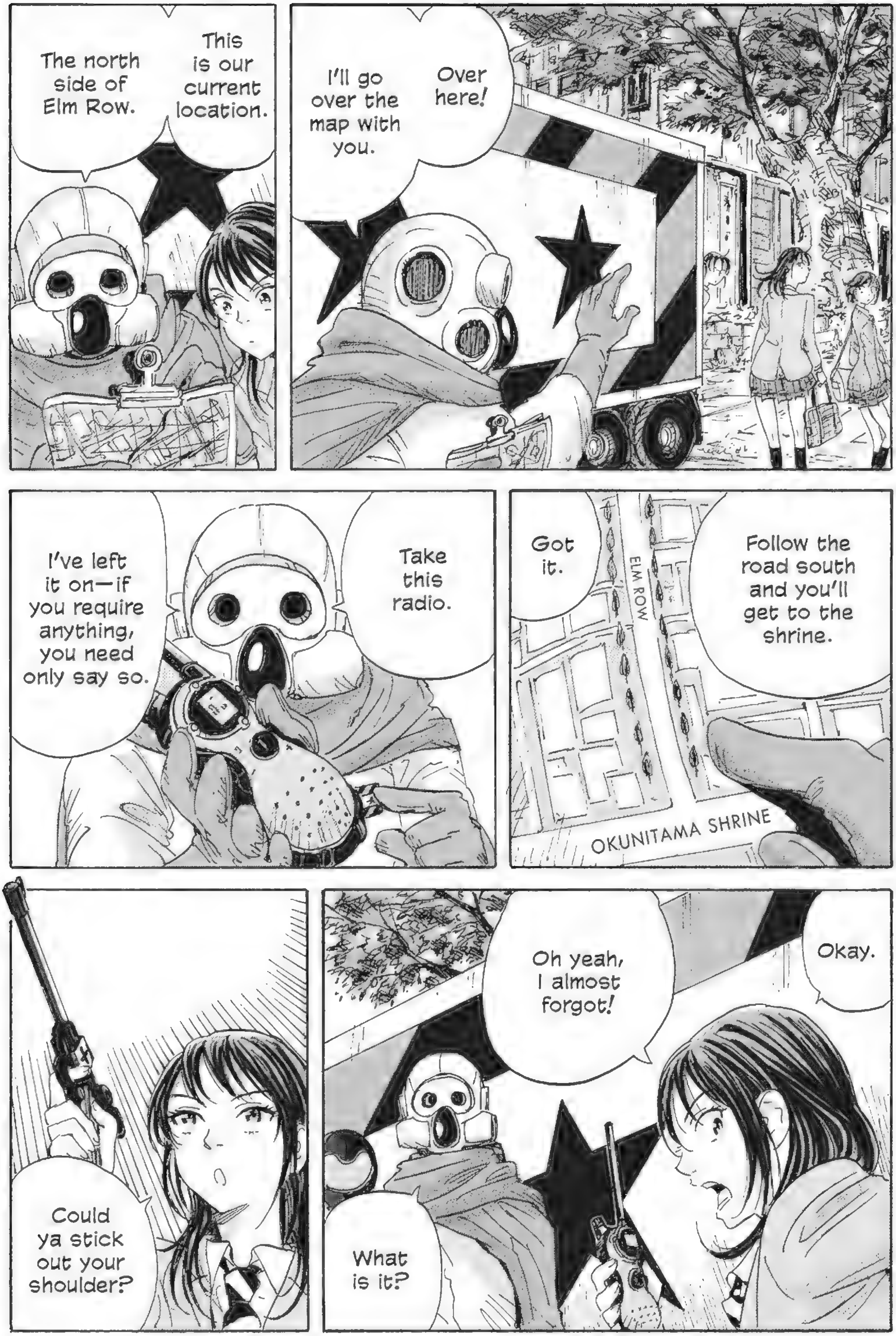
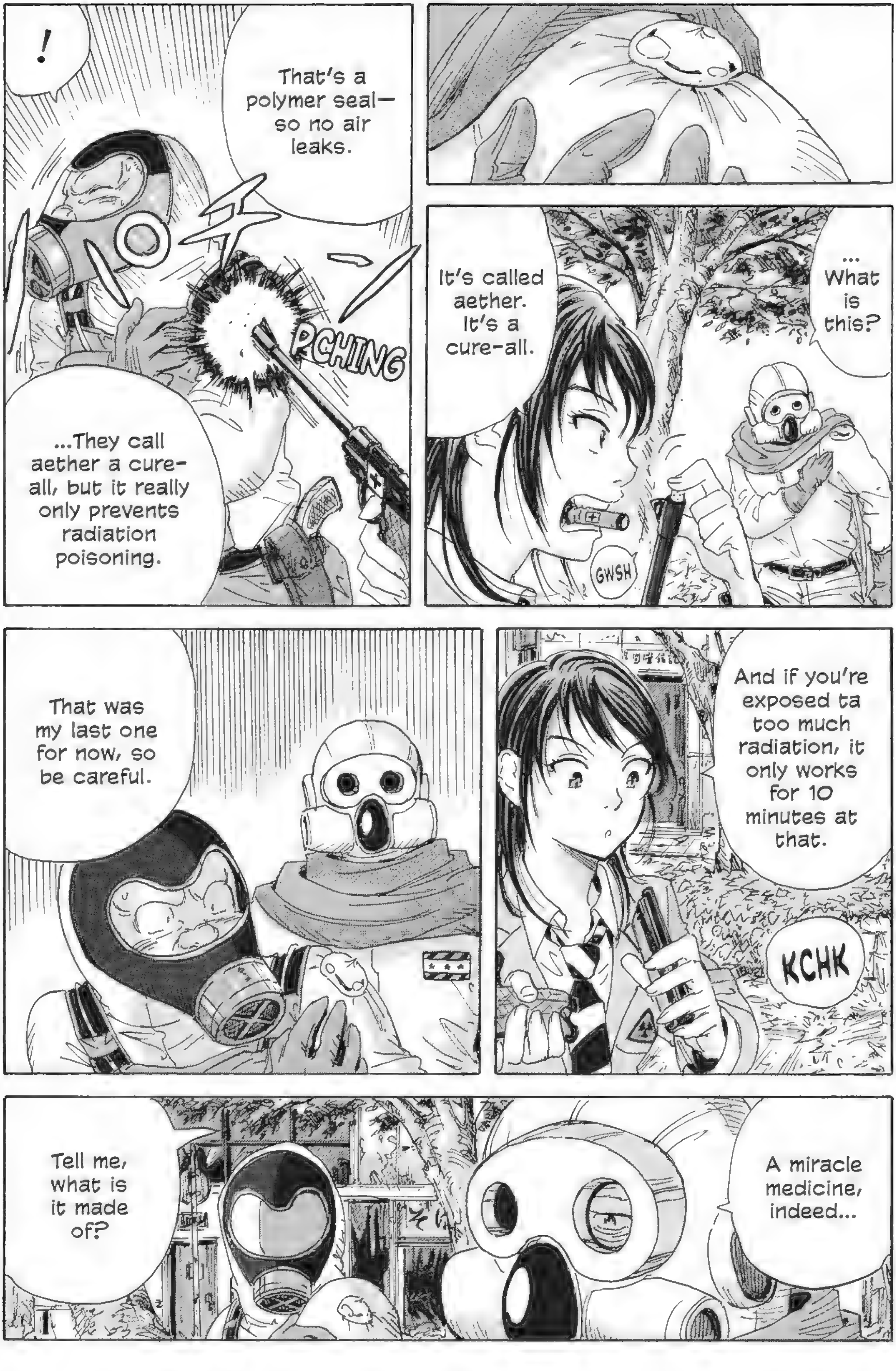
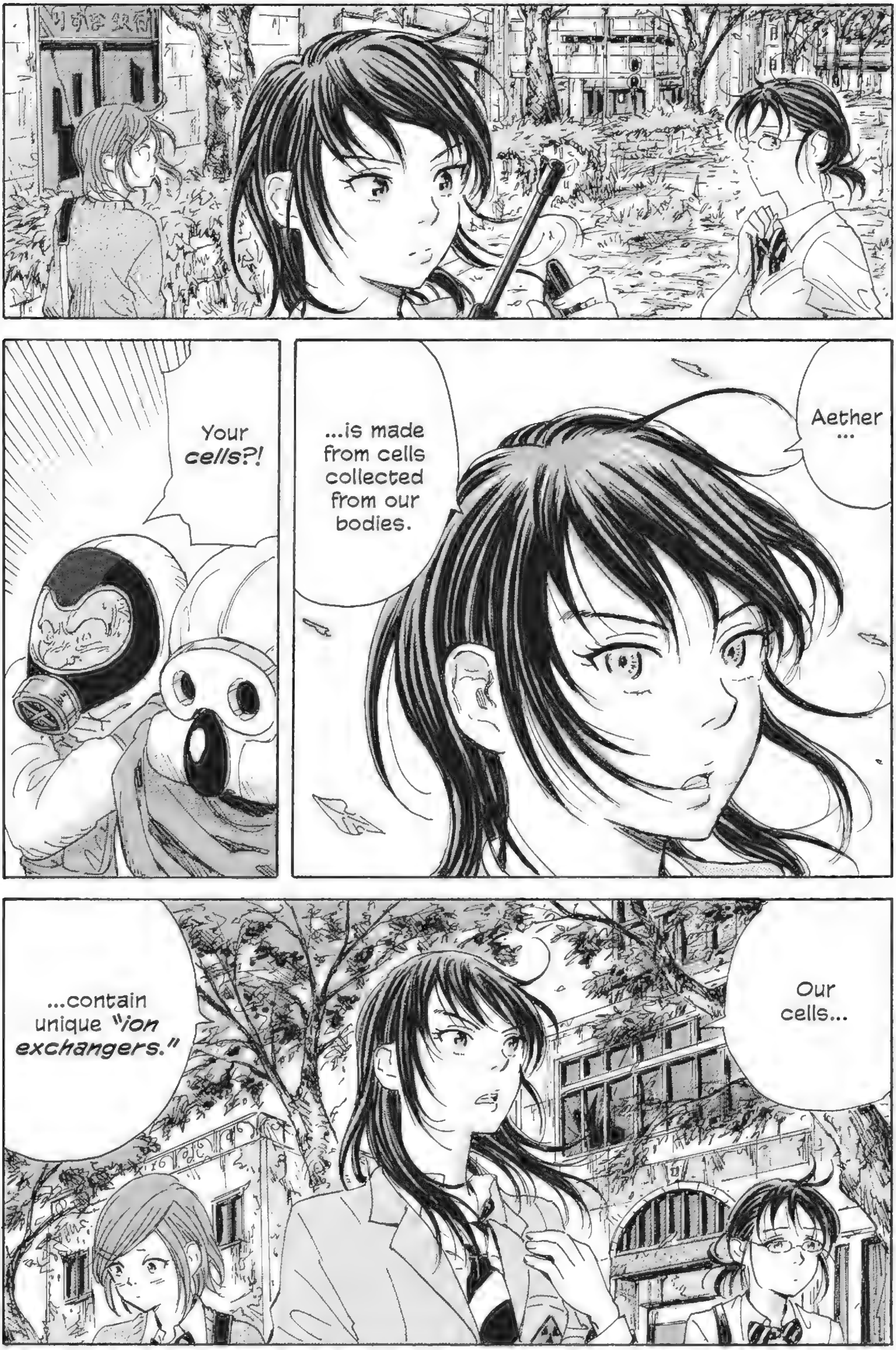
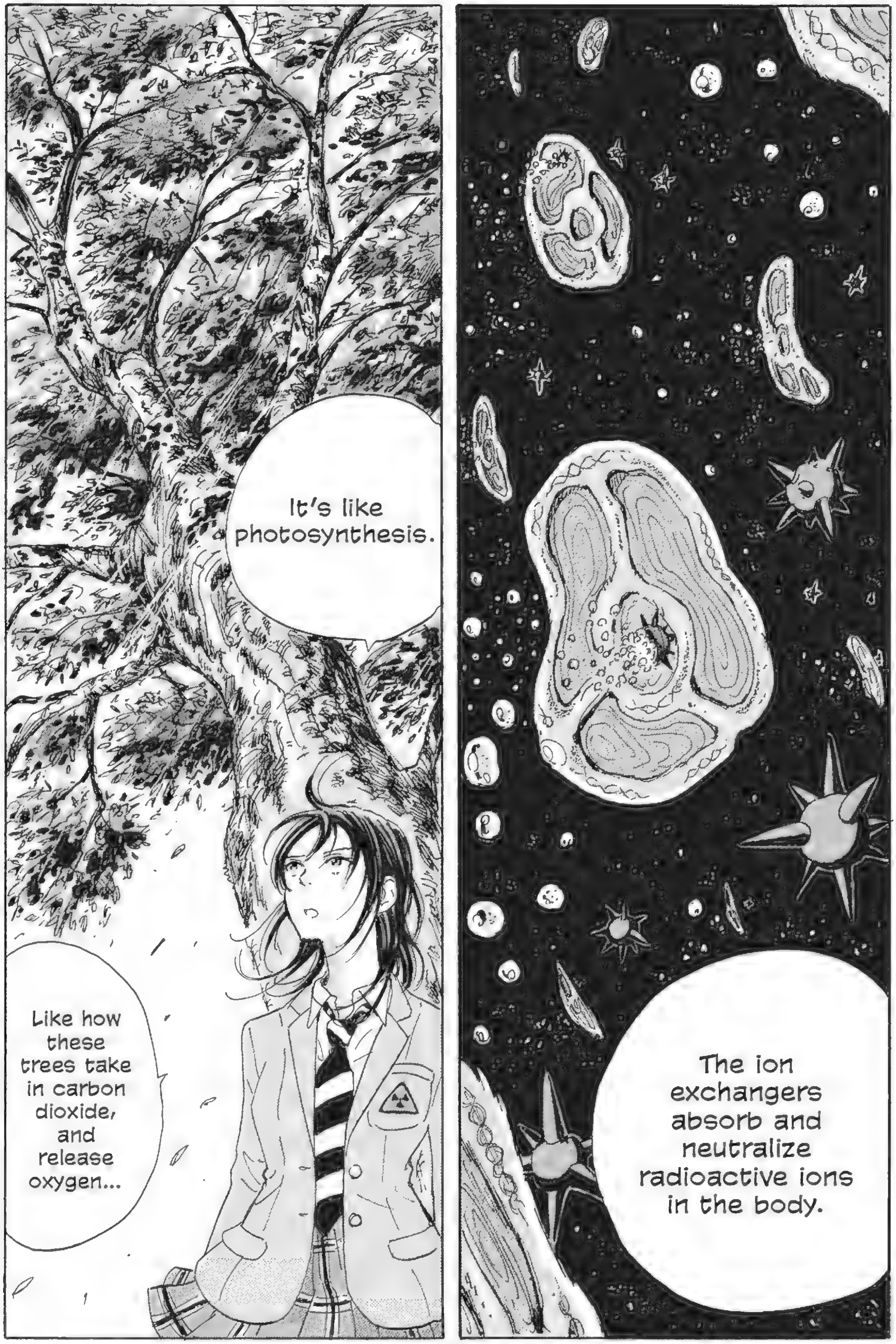
ピ BEEP
ピ BEEP
ピ BEEP
W-We had ta, Doc!
The radiation's spread all the way to the north side of Elm Row...
NORTH ELM ROW
TK
TK
826
The *whole street's* a danger zone!
The counter's blarin'!
If we go any farther...
Damn ...!
WHAM
We'll go the rest of the way alone.
Wait here.

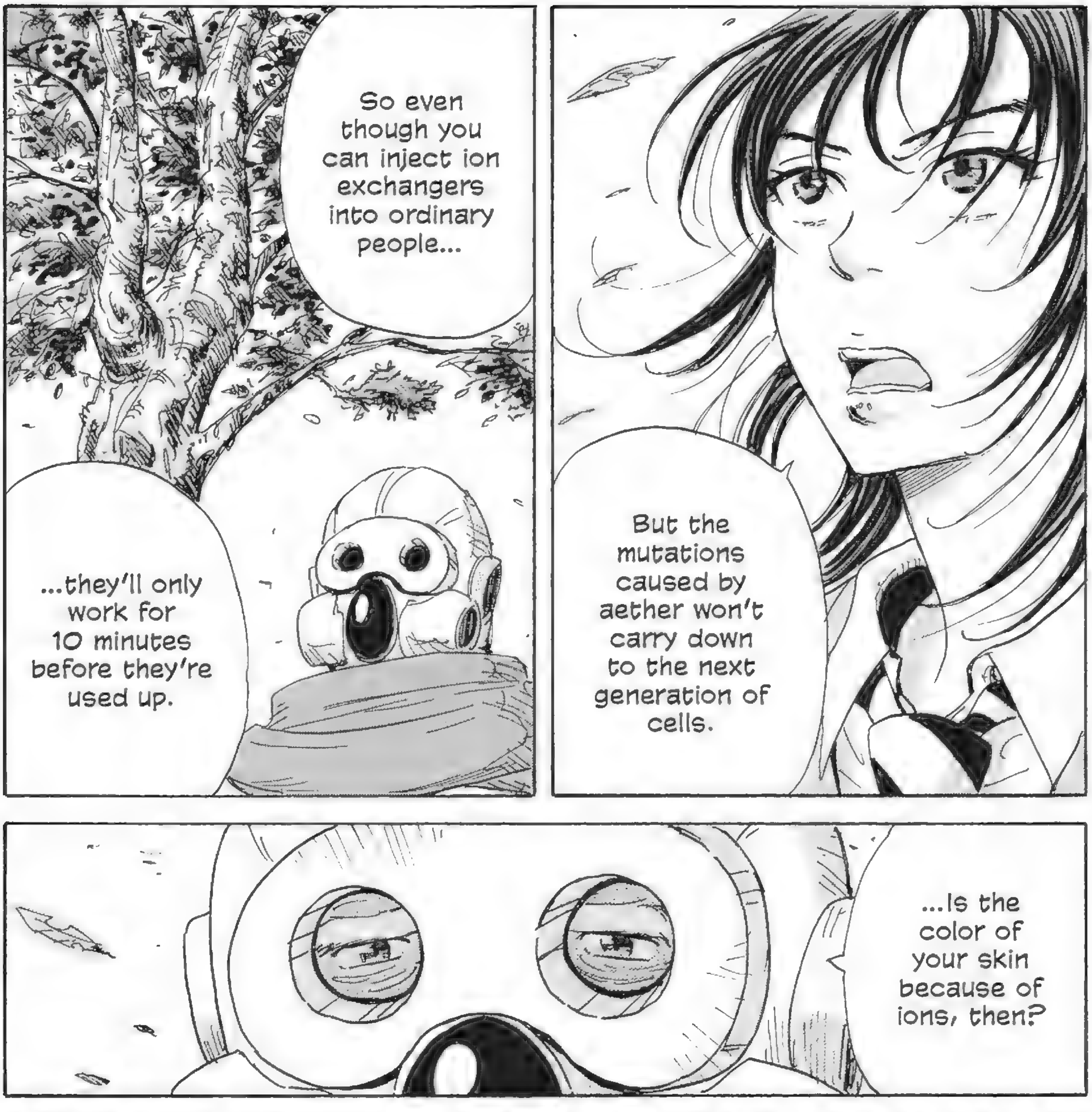

プシュウウウ
PSSSH

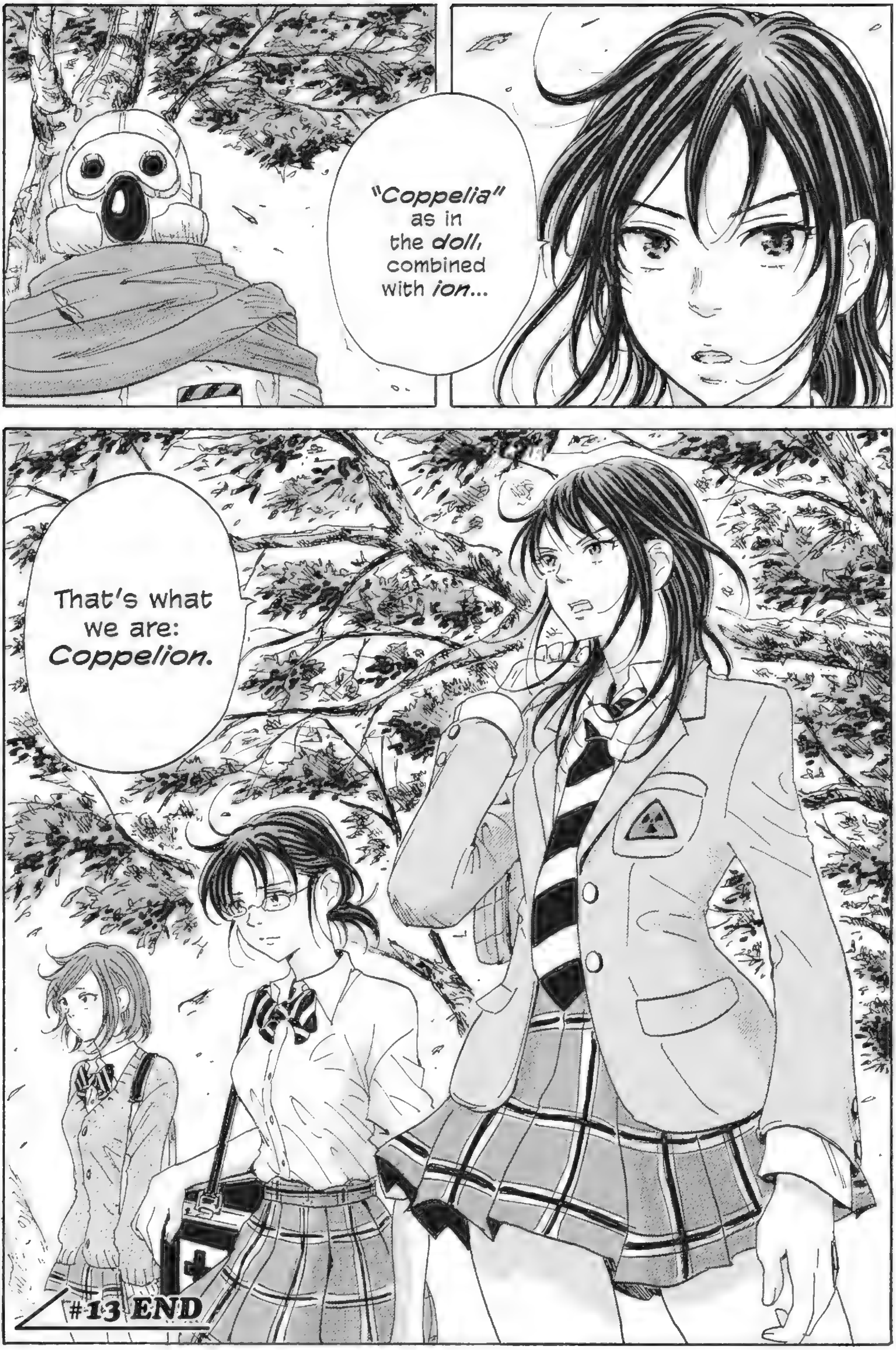

Over here!
I'll go over the map with you.
This is our current location.
The north side of Elm Row.
Follow the road south and you'll get to the shrine.
Got it.
ELM ROW
OKUNITAMA SHRINE
Take this radio.
I've left it on—if you require anything, you need only say so.
Okay.
Oh yeah, I almost forgot!
What is it?
Could ya stick out your shoulder?


...
What
is
this?
It's called aether. It's a cure-all.
GWSH
!
That's a polymer seal—so no air leaks.
PCHING
...They call aether a cure-all, but it really only prevents radiation poisoning.
And if you're exposed ta too much radiation, it only works for 10 minutes at that.
KCHK
That was my last one for now, so be careful.
A miracle medicine, indeed...
Tell me, what is it made of?


Aether ...
...is made from cells collected from our bodies.
Your *cells*?!
Our cells...
...contain unique *"ion exchangers."*


The ion exchangers absorb and neutralize radioactive ions in the body.
It's like photosynthesis.
Like how these trees take in carbon dioxide, and release oxygen...


But the mutations caused by aether won't carry down to the next generation of cells.
So even though you can inject ion exchangers into ordinary people...
...they'll only work for 10 minutes before they're used up.
...Is the color of your skin because of ions, then?
Is that why you three are so very pale...?


"*Coppelia*" as in the *doll*, combined with *ion*...
That's what we are: *Coppelion*.
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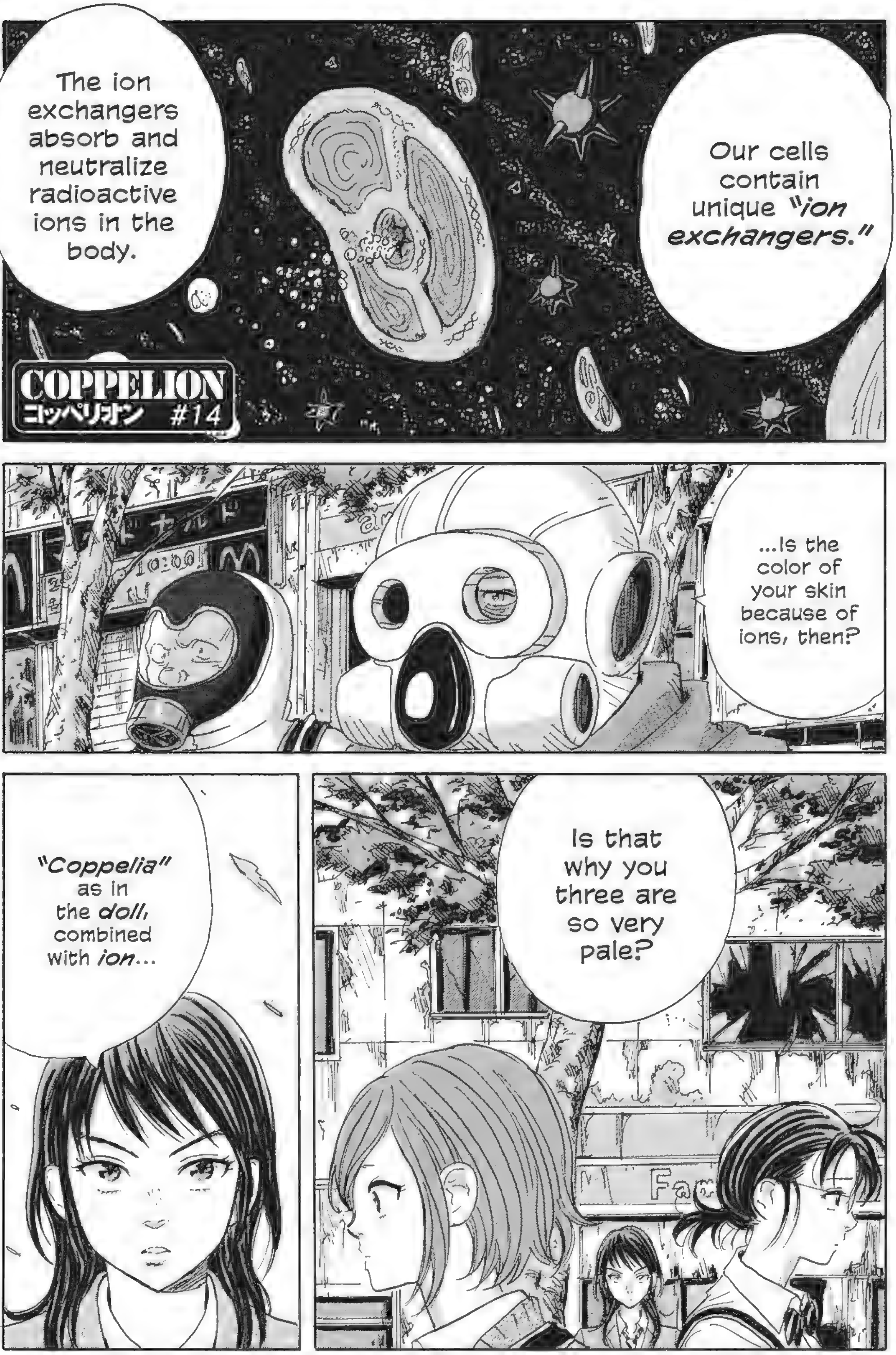
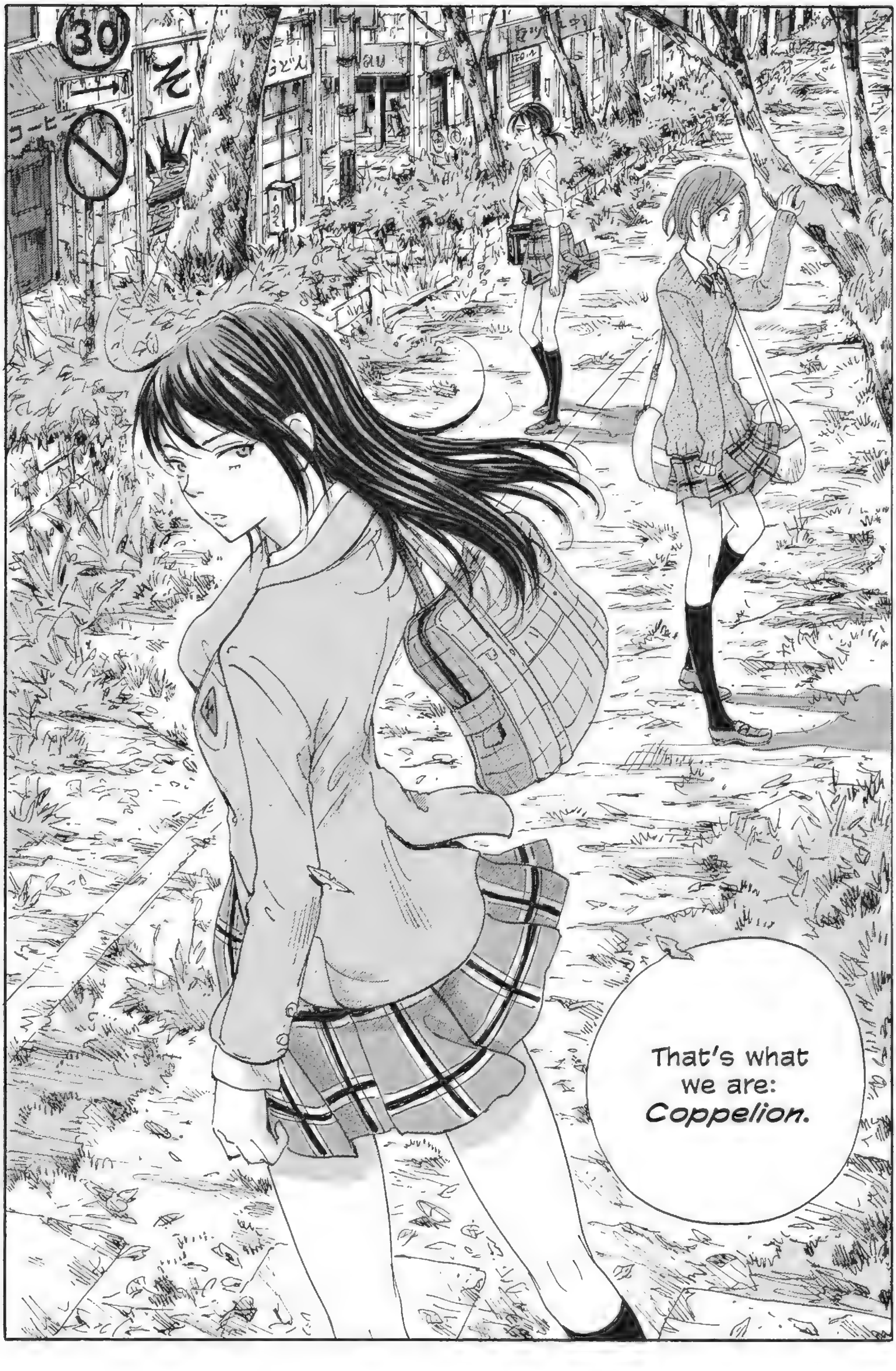

COPPELION
コッペリオン #14
Our cells contain unique *"ion exchangers."*
The ion exchangers absorb and neutralize radioactive ions in the body.
...Is the color of your skin because of ions, then?
Is that why you three are so very pale?
"Coppelia" as in the *doll*, combined with *ion*...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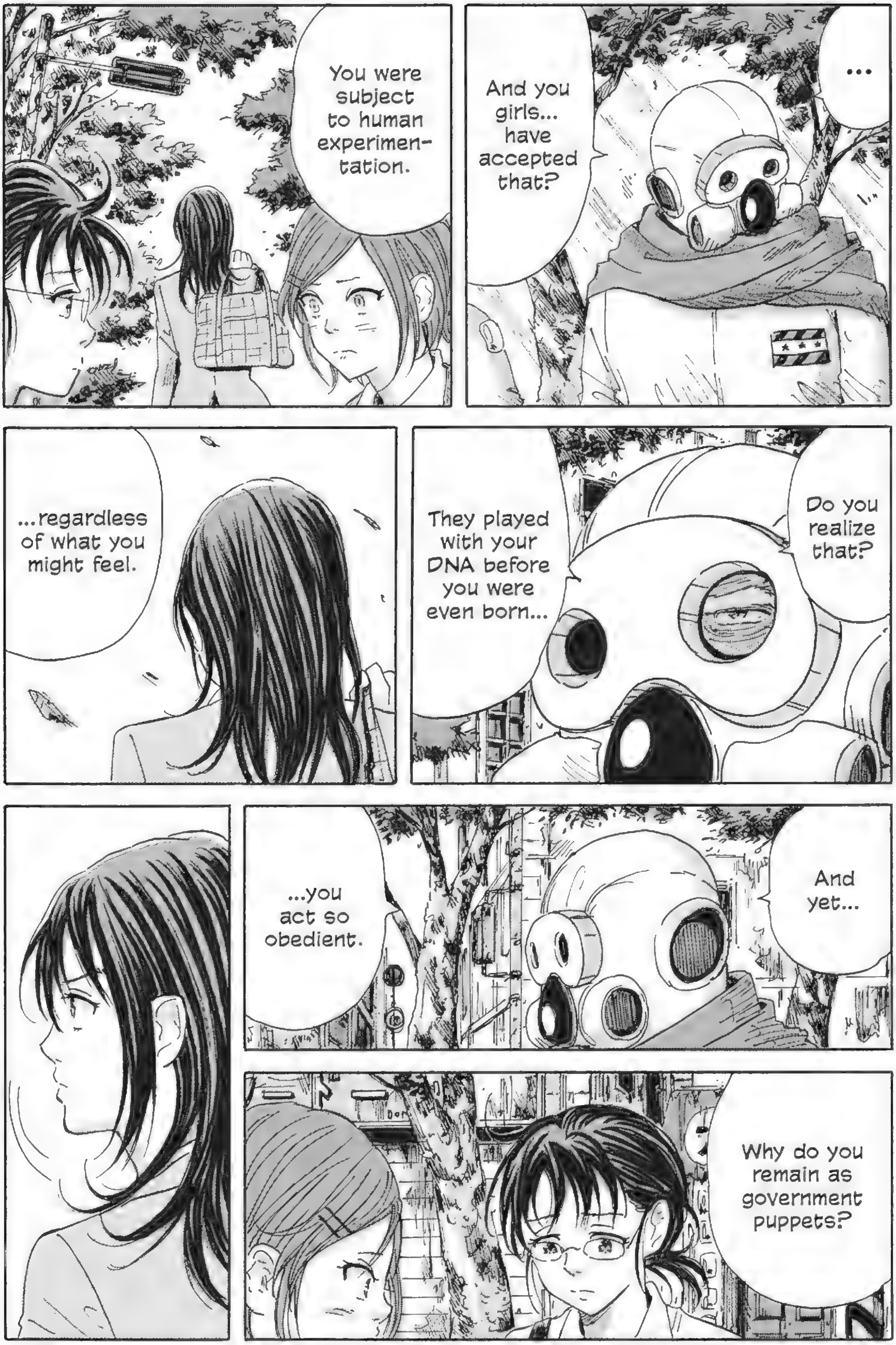
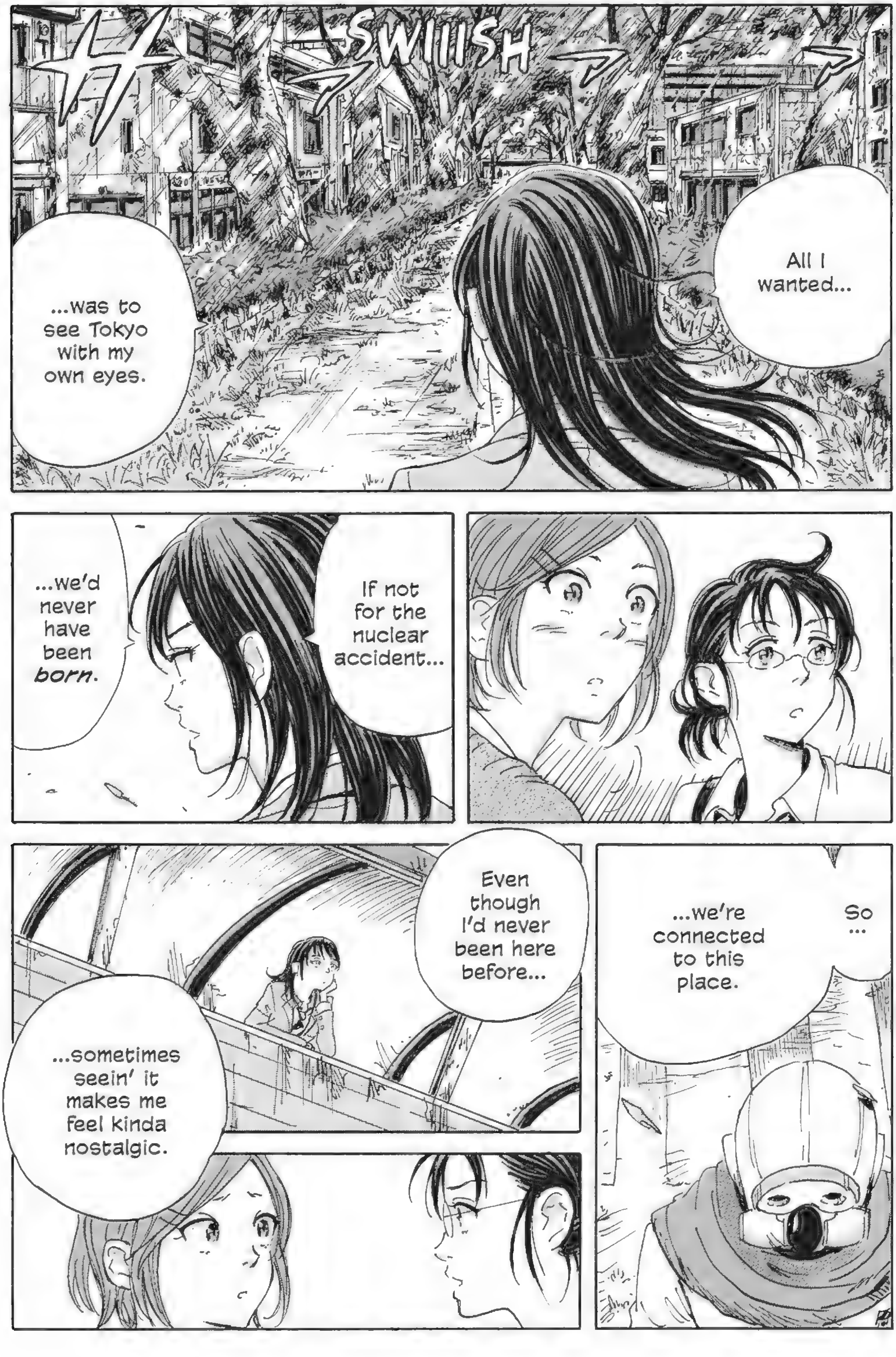
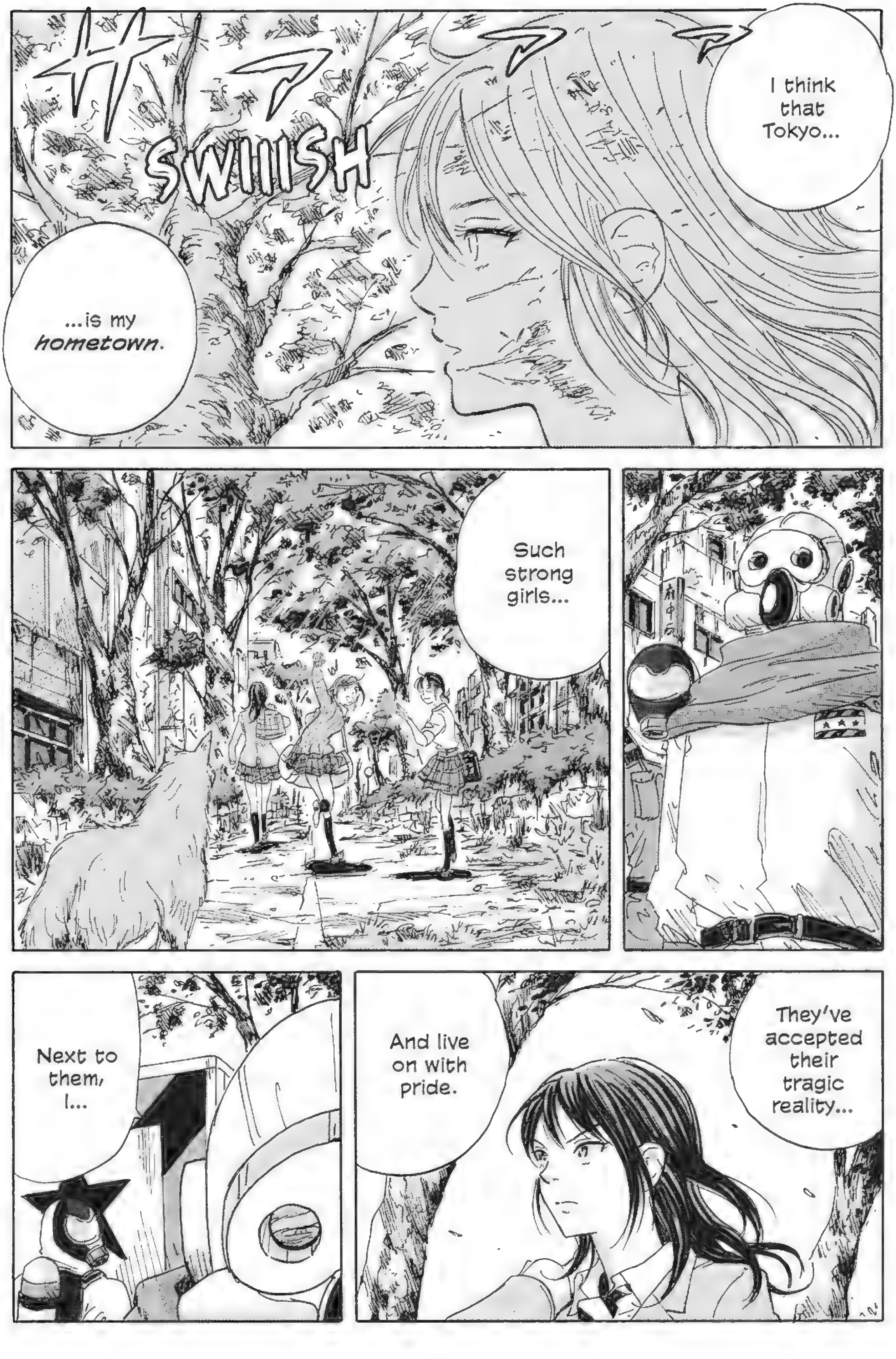
うどん
That's what we are: *Coppelion.*


...
And you girls... have accepted that?
You were subject to human experimentation.
Do you realize that?
They played with your DNA before you were even born...
...regardless of what you might feel.
And yet...
...you act so obedient.
Why do you remain as government puppets?


SWIIISH
All I wanted...
...was to see Tokyo with my own eyes.
If not for the nuclear accident...
...we'd never have been *born*.
So...
...we're connected to this place.
Even though I'd never been here before...
...sometimes seein' it makes me feel kinda nostalgic.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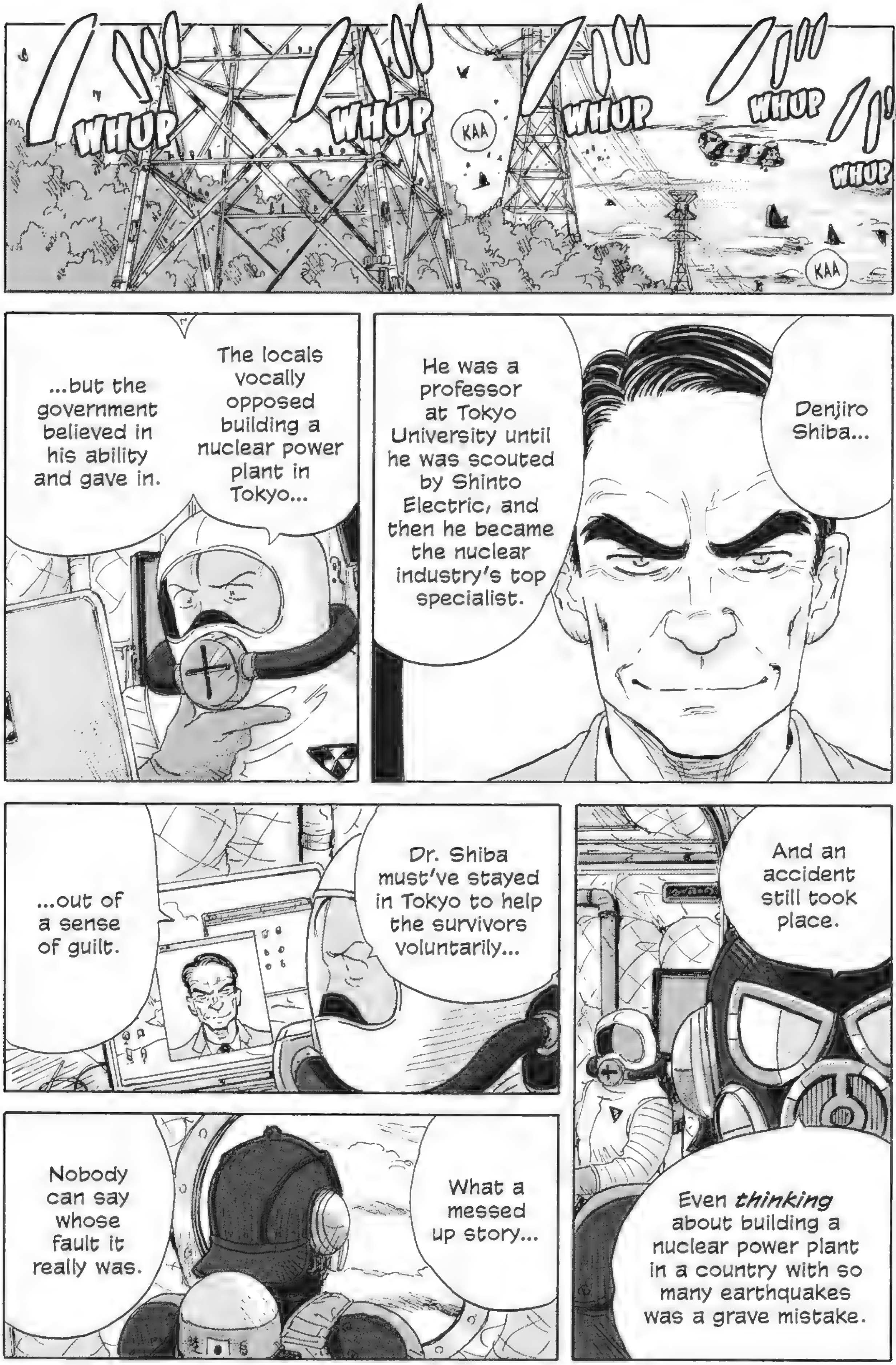
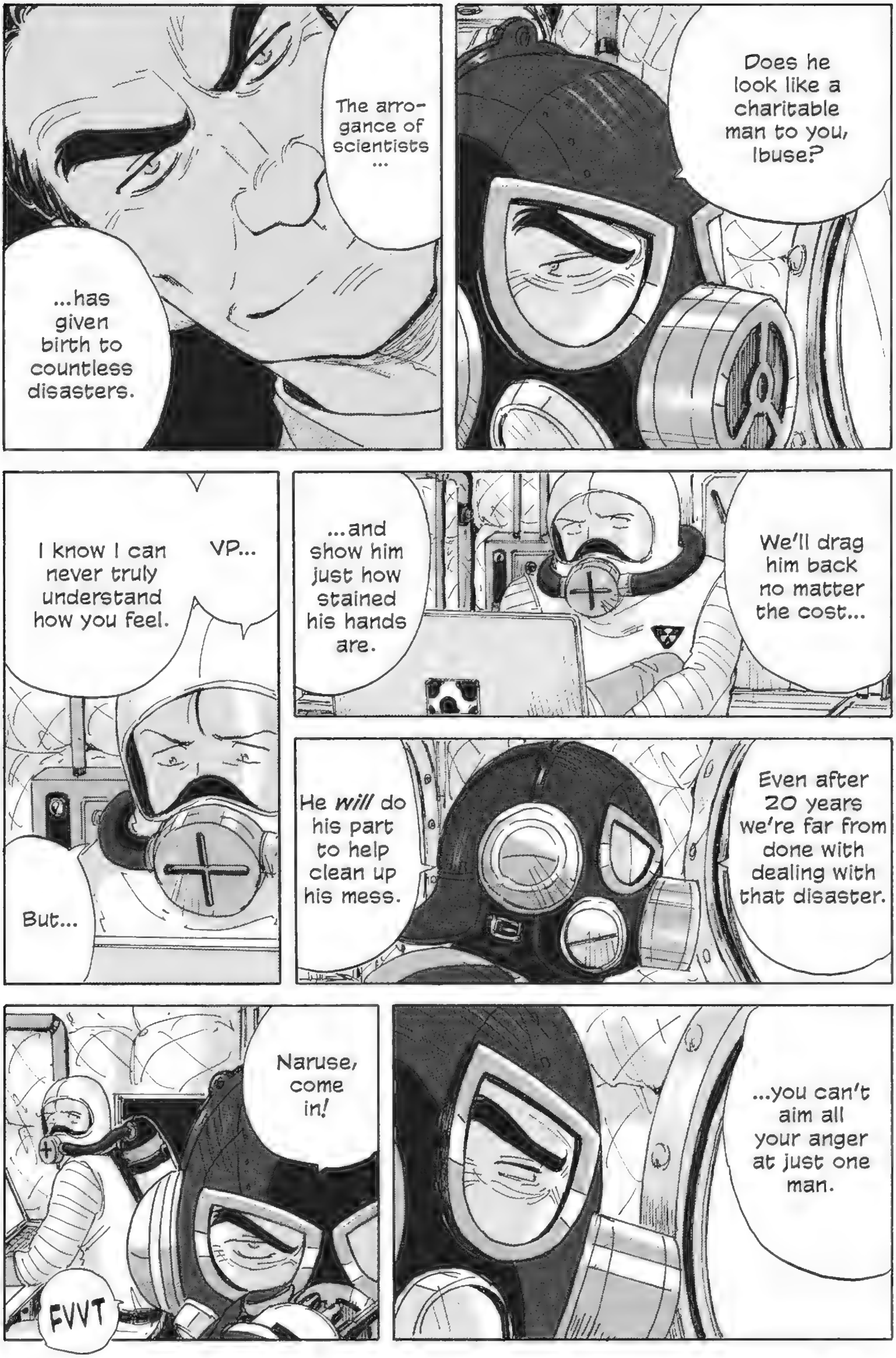
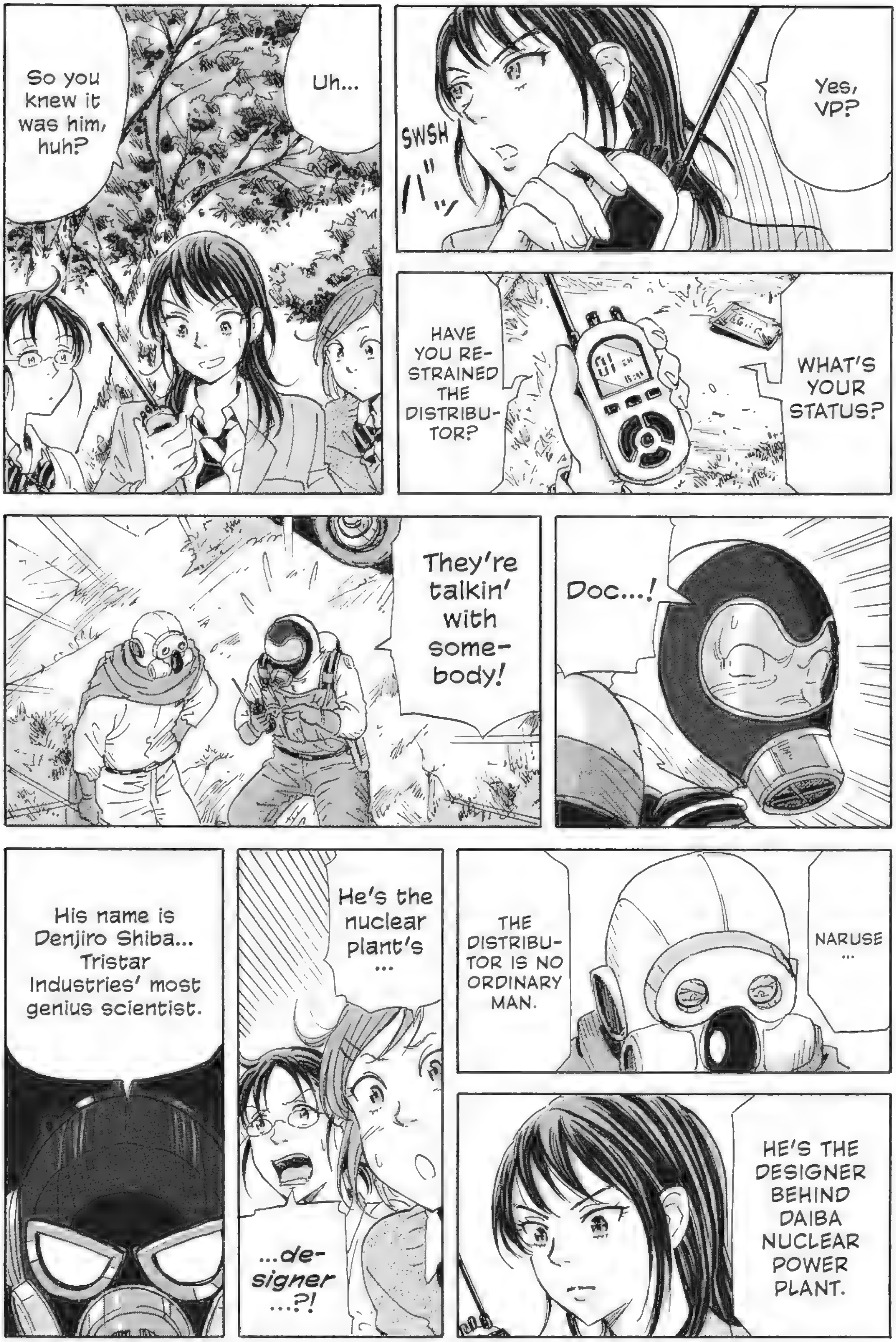
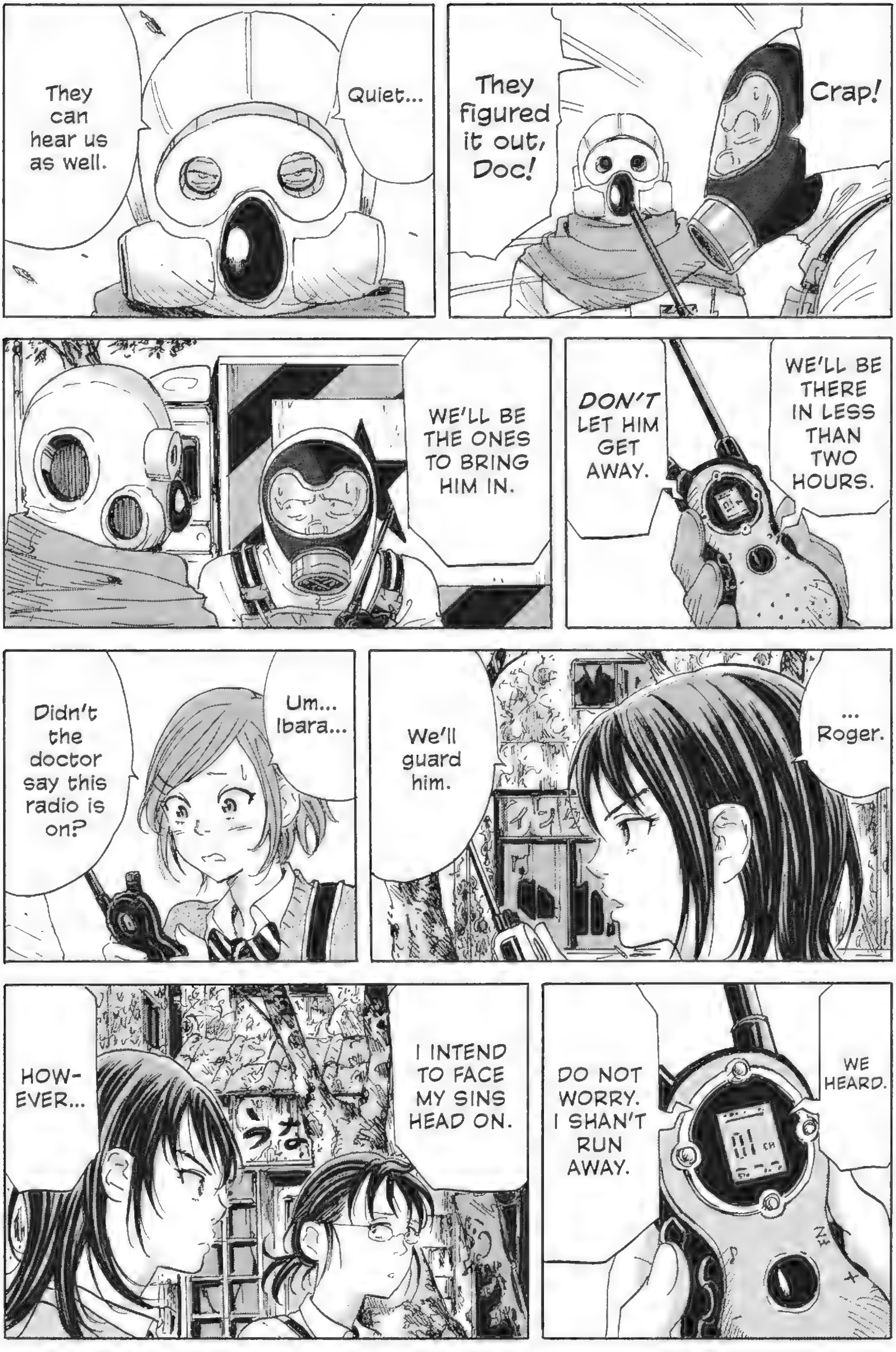
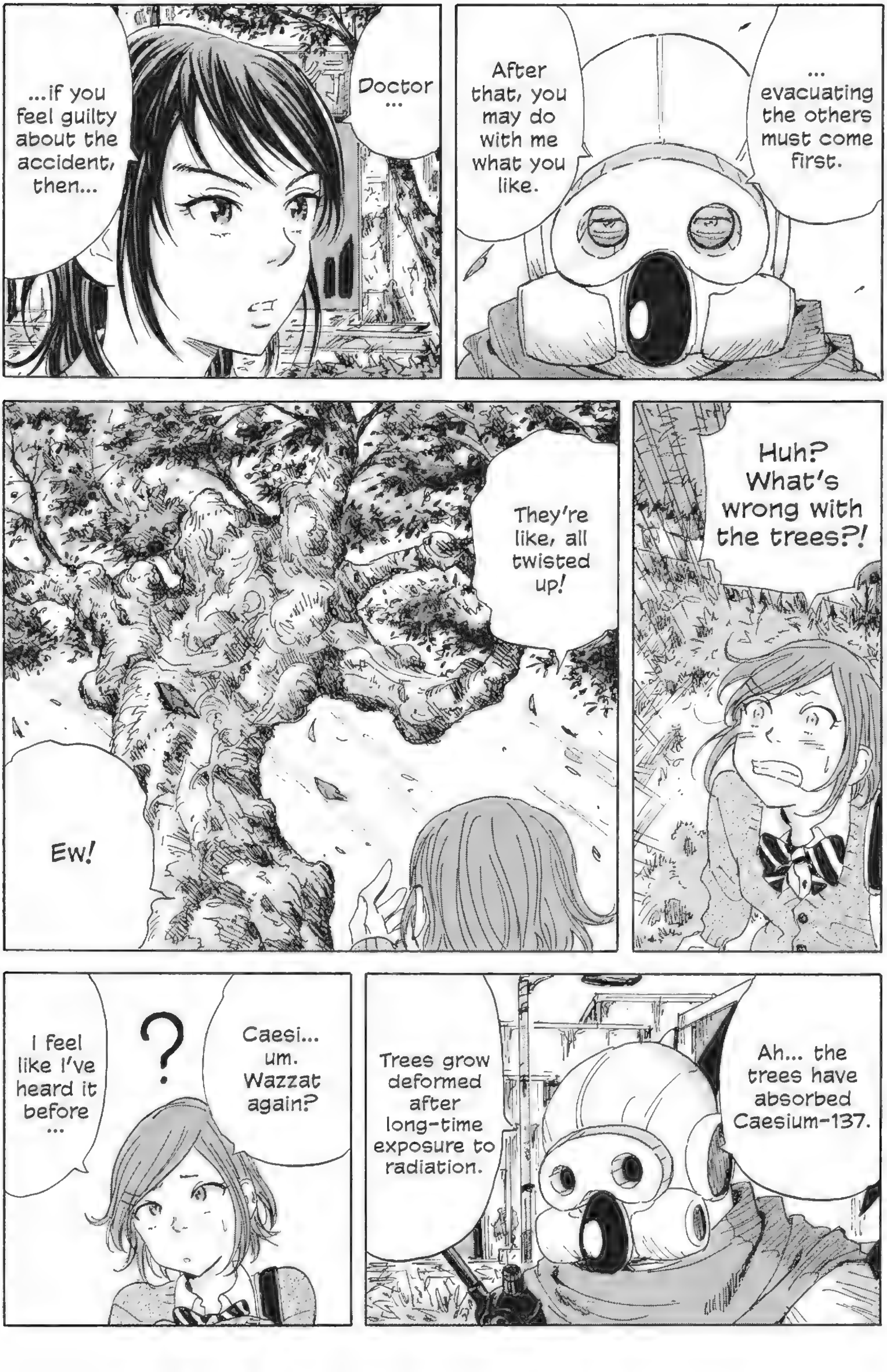
SWIIISH
I think that Tokyo...
...is my *hometown*.
Such strong girls...
They've accepted their tragic reality...
And live on with pride.
Next to them, I...

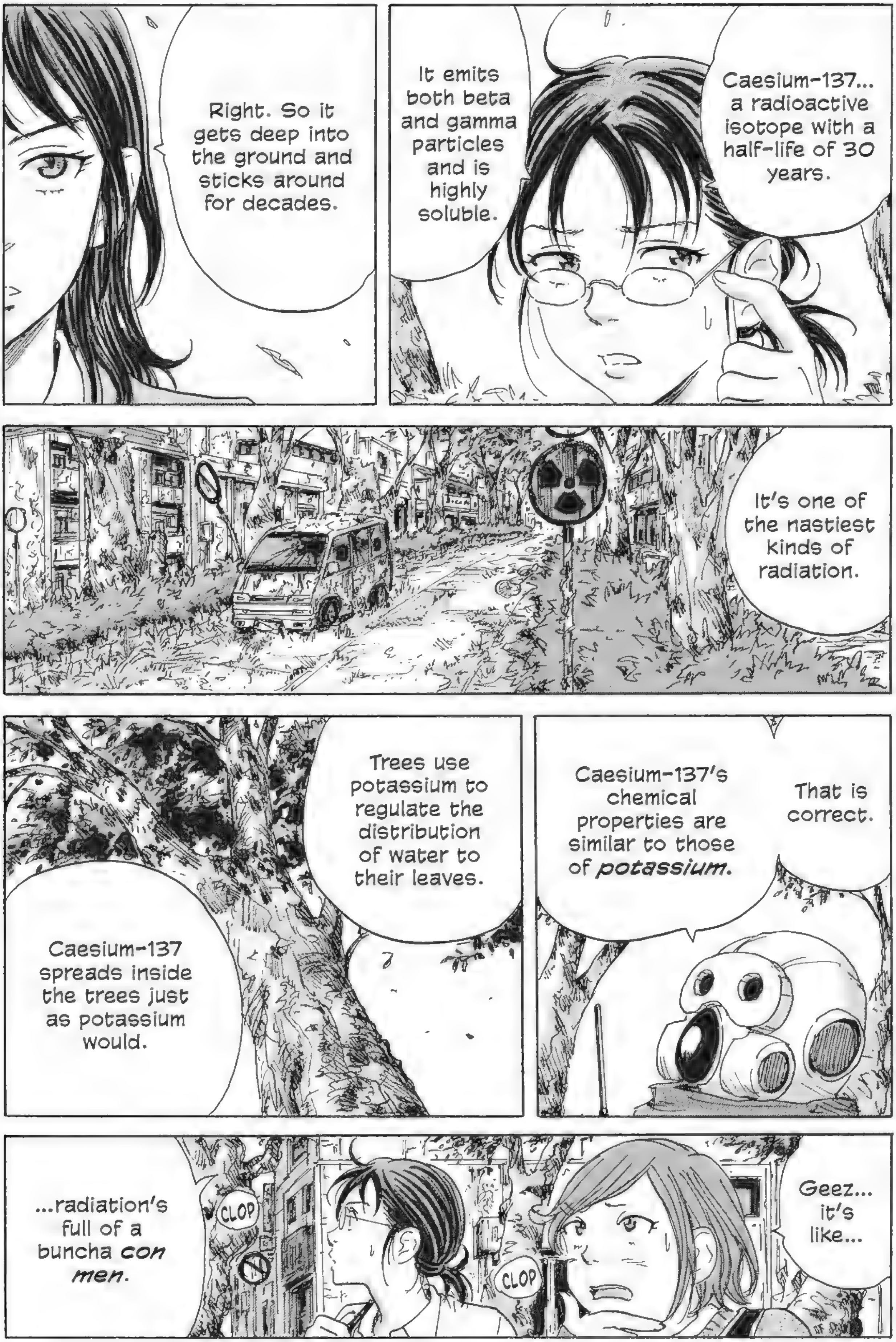

WHUP
WHUP
WHUP
WHUP
WHUP
KAA
KAA
Denjiro Shiba...
He was a professor at Tokyo University until he was scouted by Shinto Electric, and then he became the nuclear industry's top specialist.
The locals vocally opposed building a nuclear power plant in Tokyo...
...but the government believed in his ability and gave in.
And an accident still took place.
Even *thinking* about building a nuclear power plant in a country with so many earthquakes was a grave mistake.
Dr. Shiba must've stayed in Tokyo to help the survivors voluntarily...
...out of a sense of guilt.
What a messed up story...
Nobody can say whose fault it really was.

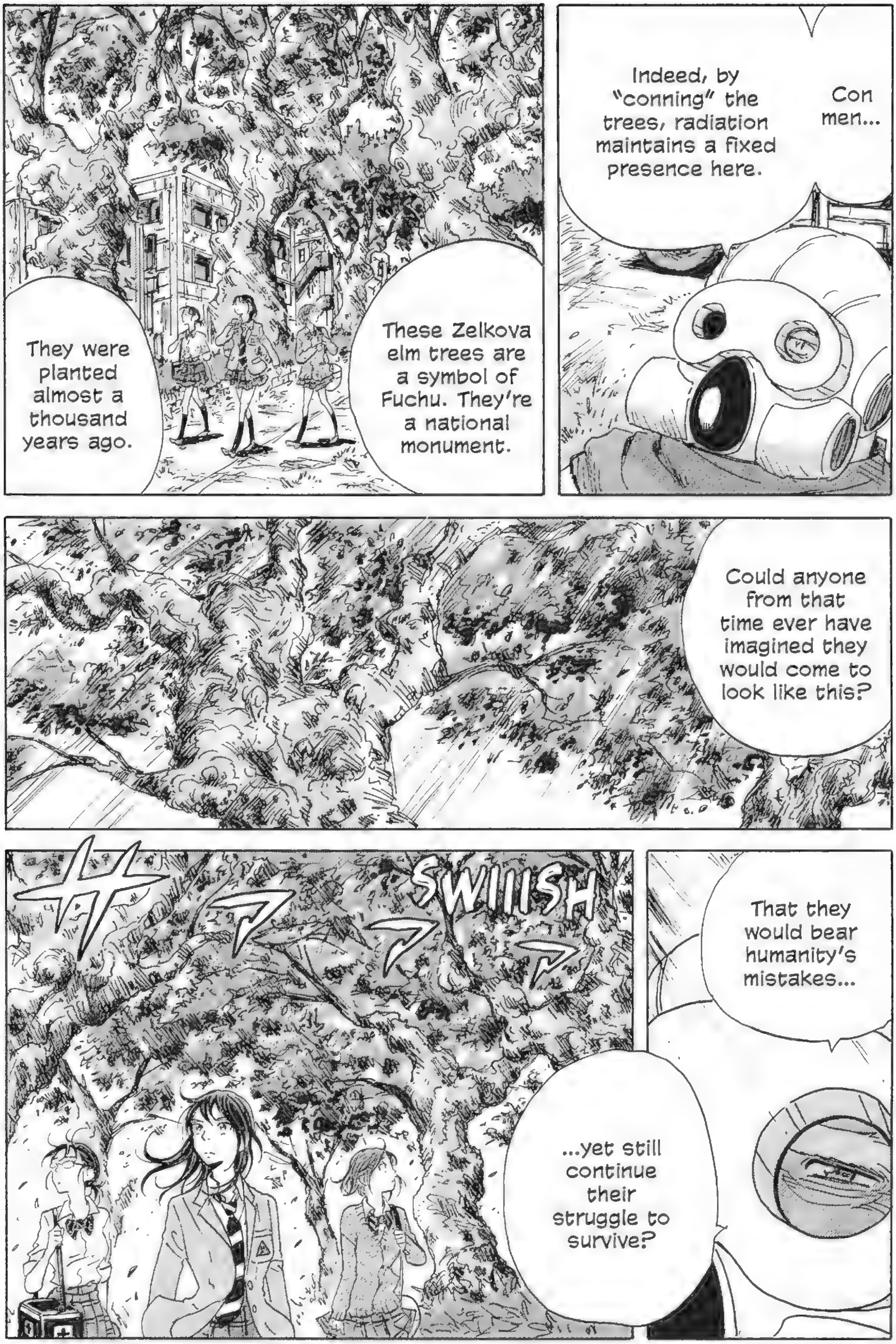

Does he look like a charitable man to you, Ibuse?
The arrogance of scientists...
...has given birth to countless disasters.
We'll drag him back no matter the cost...
...and show him just how stained his hands are.
Even after 20 years we're far from done with dealing with that disaster.
He *will* do his part to help clean up his mess.
VP...
I know I can never truly understand how you feel.
But...
...you can't aim all your anger at just one man.
Naruse, come in!
FVVT

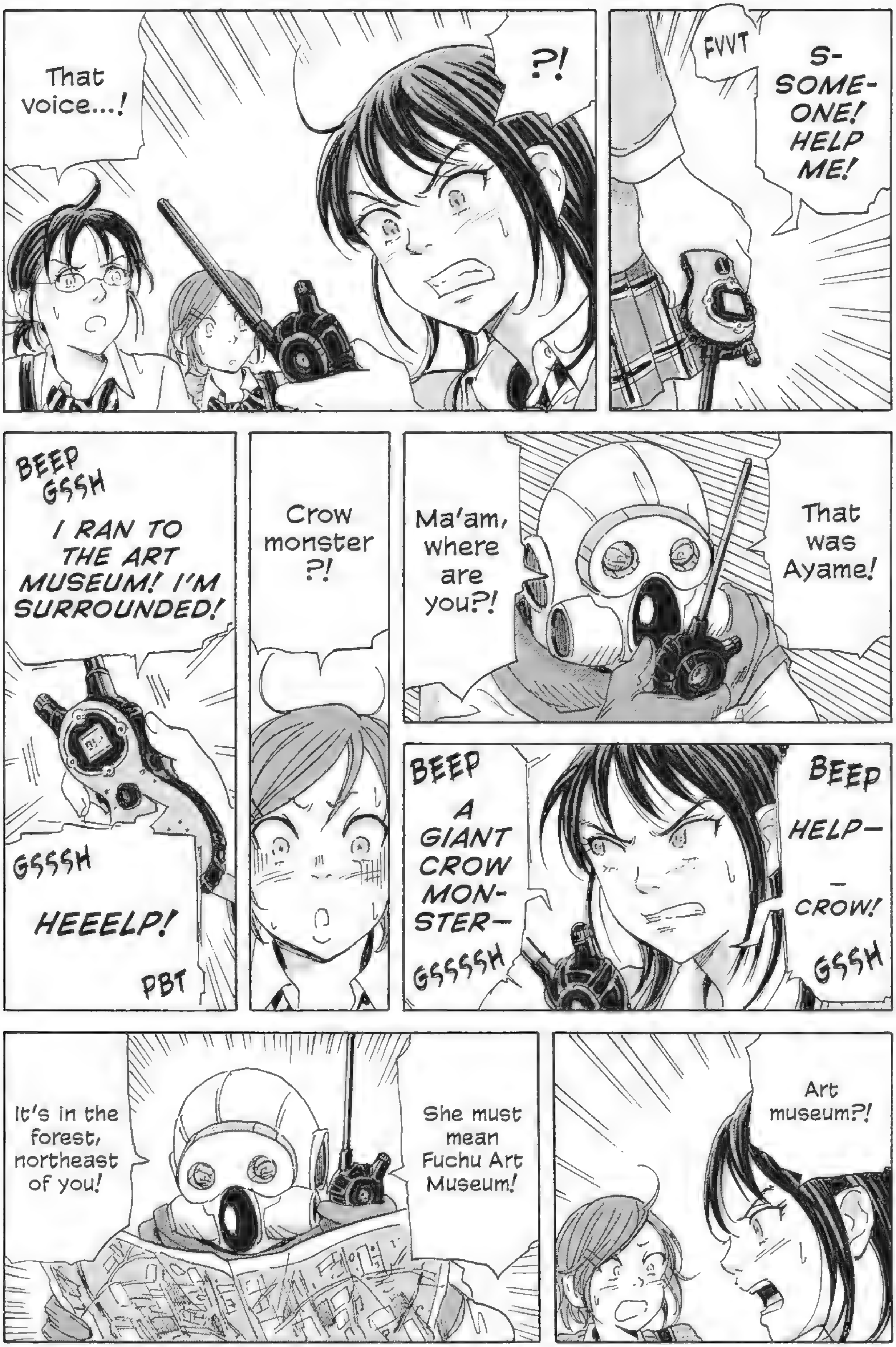

Yes, VP?
SWSH
WHAT'S YOUR STATUS?
HAVE YOU RESTRAINED THE DISTRIBUTOR?
Uh...
So you knew it was him, huh?
Doc...!
They're talkin' with somebody!
NARUSE ...
THE DISTRIBUTOR IS NO ORDINARY MAN.
HE'S THE DESIGNER BEHIND DAIBA NUCLEAR POWER PLANT.
He's the nuclear plant's ...
...designer ...?!
His name is Denjiro Shiba... Tristar Industries' most genius scientist.

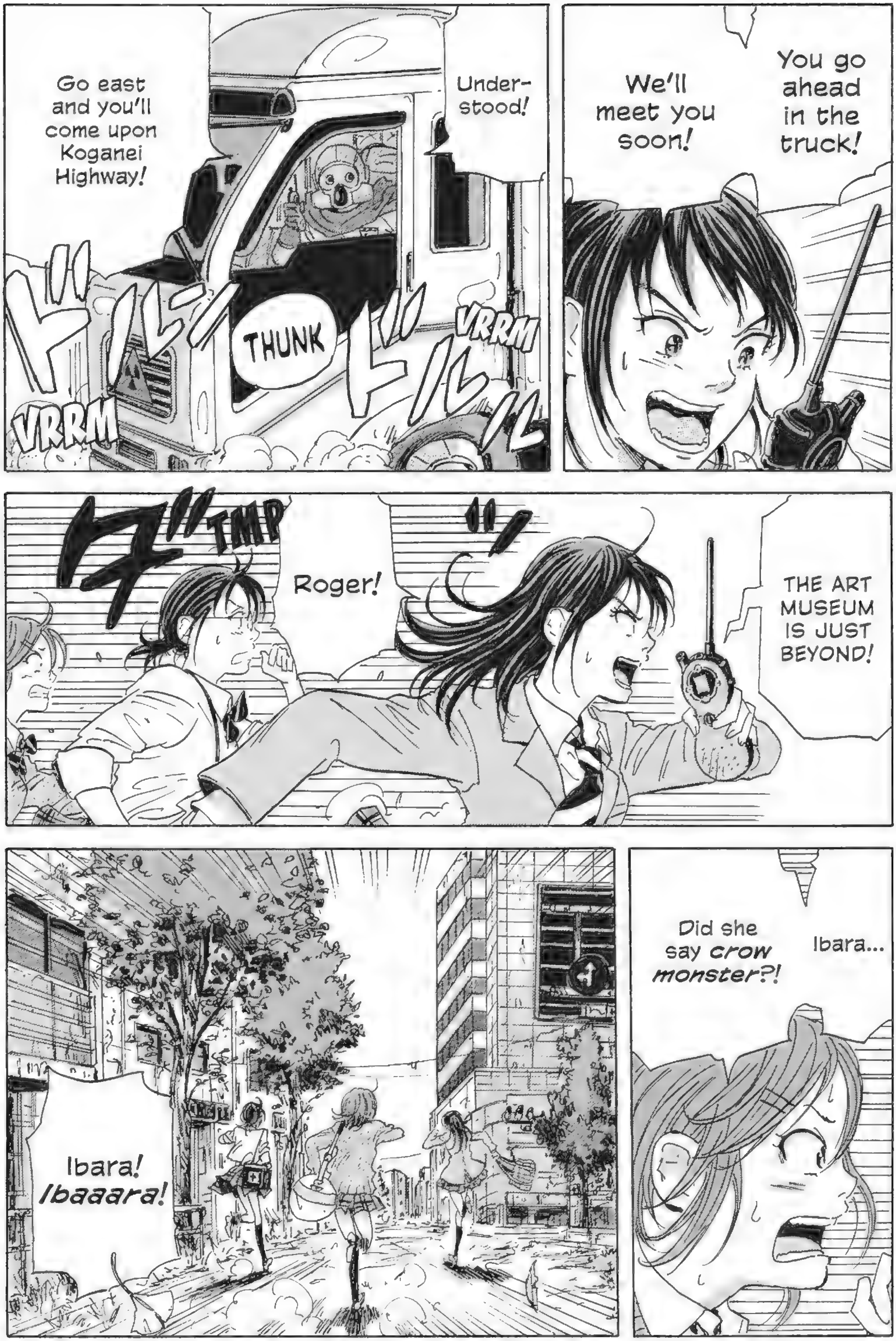

Crap!
They figured it out, Doc!
Quiet...
They can hear us as well.
WE'LL BE THERE IN LESS THAN TWO HOURS.
DON'T LET HIM GET AWAY.
WE'LL BE THE ONES TO BRING HIM IN.
... Roger.
We'll guard him.
Um... Ibara...
Didn't the doctor say this radio is on?
WE HEARD.
DO NOT WORRY. I SHAN'T RUN AWAY.
I INTEND TO FACE MY SINS HEAD ON.
うな
HOW-EVER...

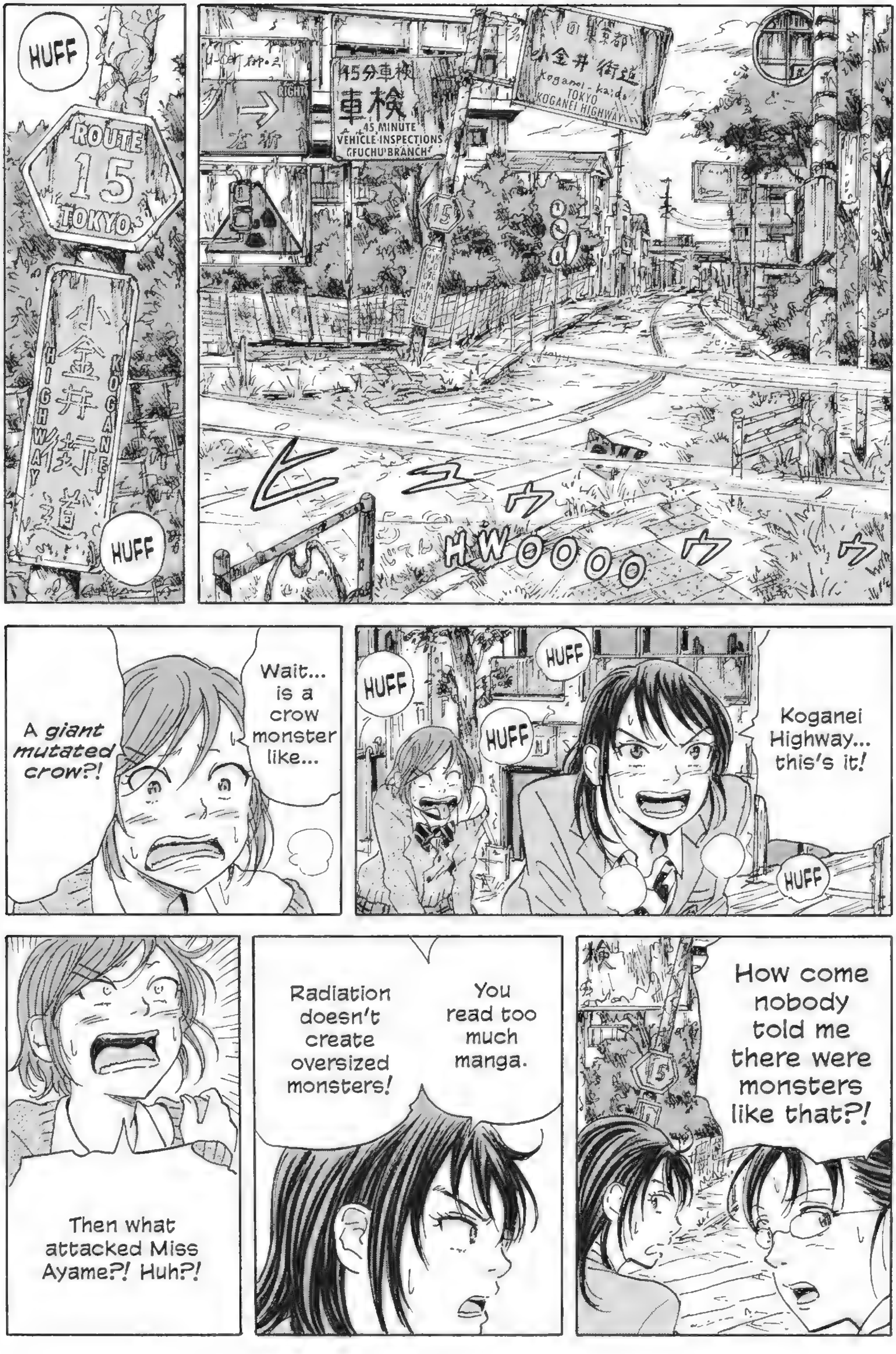

...evacuating the others must come first.
After that, you may do with me what you like.
Doctor...
...if you feel guilty about the accident, then...
Huh? What's wrong with the trees?!
They're like, all twisted up!
Ew!
Ah... the trees have absorbed Caesium-137.
Trees grow deformed after long-time exposure to radiation.
Caesi... um. Wazzat again?
?
I feel like I've heard it before...

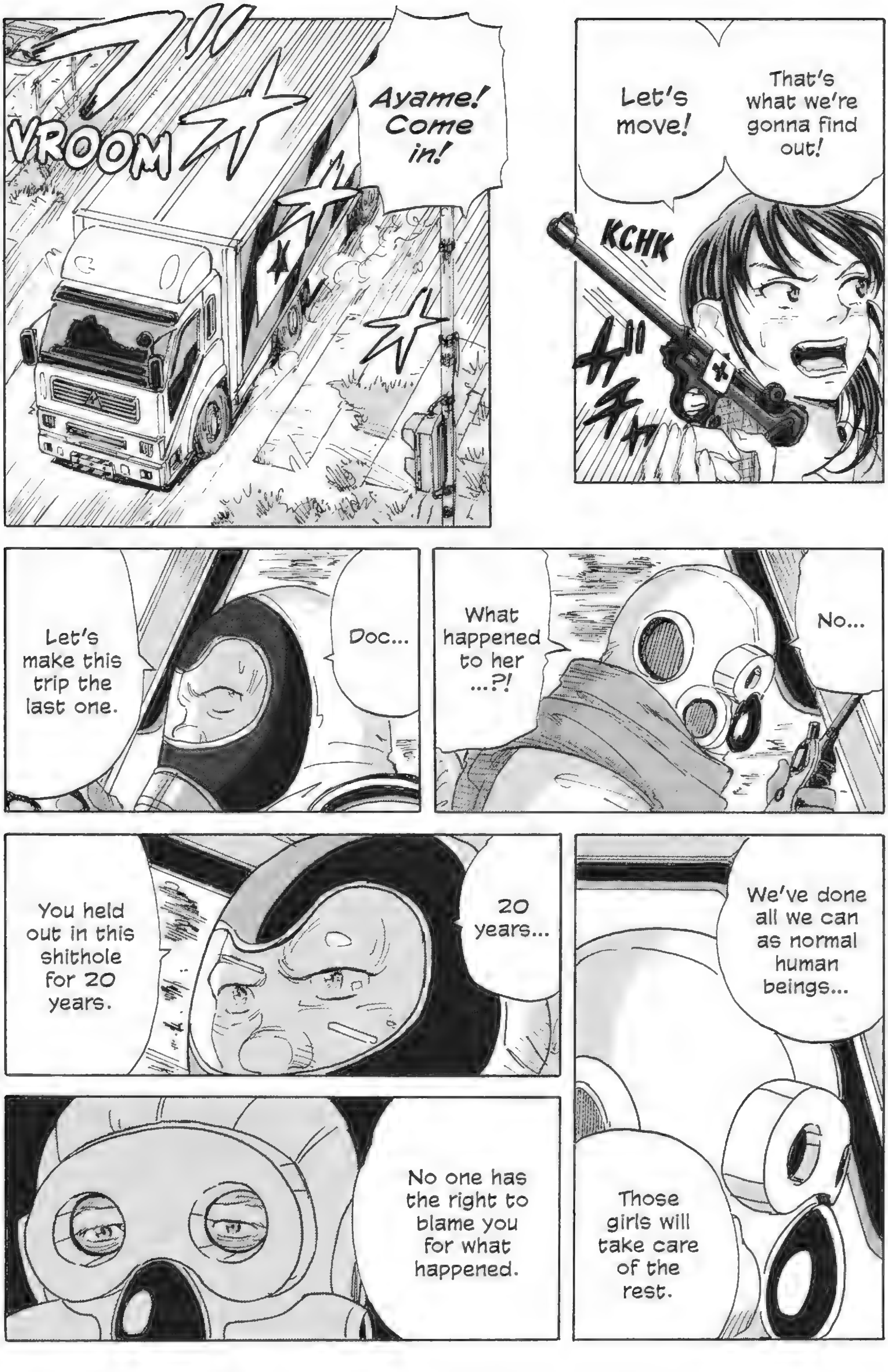

Caesium-137... a radioactive isotope with a half-life of 30 years.
It emits both beta and gamma particles and is highly soluble.
Right. So it gets deep into the ground and sticks around for decades.
It's one of the nastiest kinds of radiation.
Caesium-137's chemical properties are similar to those of *potassium*.
That is correct.
Trees use potassium to regulate the distribution of water to their leaves.
Caesium-137 spreads inside the trees just as potassium would.
Geez... it's like...
CLOP
CLOP
...radiation's full of a buncha *con men*.

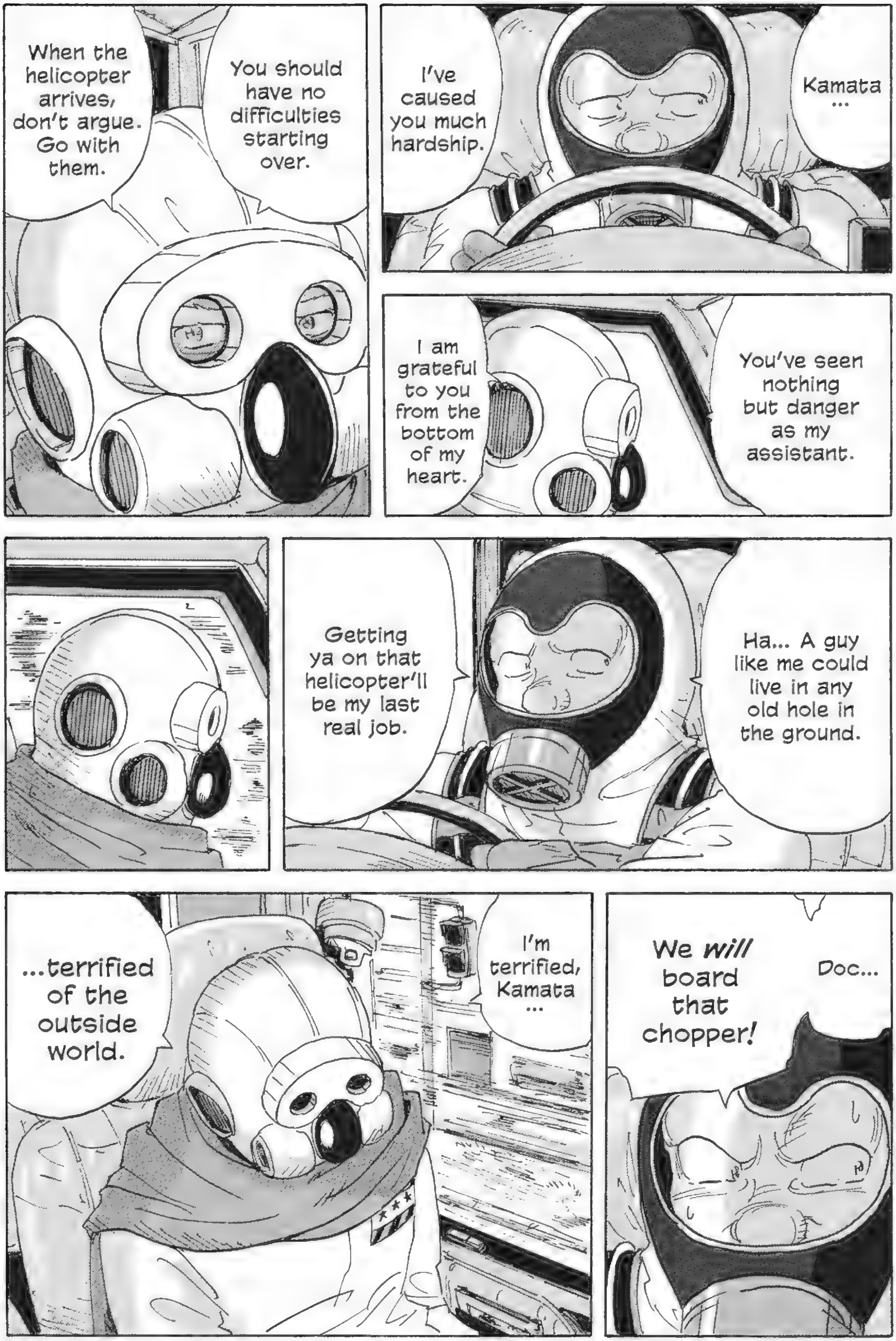

These Zelkova elm trees are a symbol of Fuchu. They're a national monument.
They were planted almost a thousand years ago.
Indeed, by "conning" the trees, radiation maintains a fixed presence here.
Con men...
Could anyone from that time ever have imagined they would come to look like this?
サァァァ
SWIIISH
That they would bear humanity's mistakes...
...yet still continue their struggle to survive?

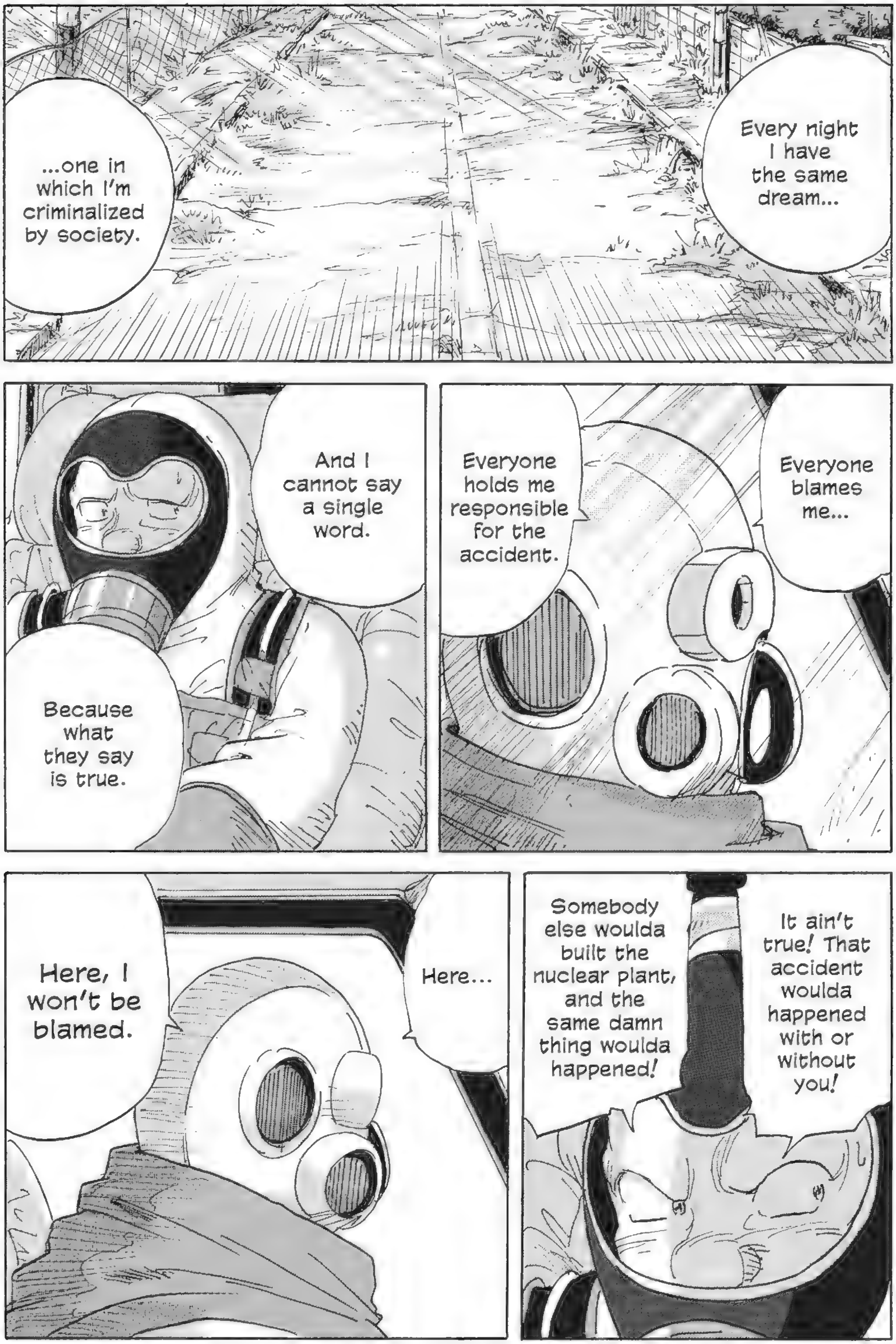

FVVT
S-SOMEONE! HELP ME!
?!
That voice...!
That was Ayame!
Ma'am, where are you?!
BEEP
HELP— —CROW!
GSSH
BEEP
A GIANT CROW MONSTER—
GSSSSH
Crow monster?!
BEEP GSSH
I RAN TO THE ART MUSEUM! I'M SURROUNDED!
GSSSH
HEEELP!
PBT
Art museum?!
She must mean Fuchu Art Museum!
It's in the forest, northeast of you!

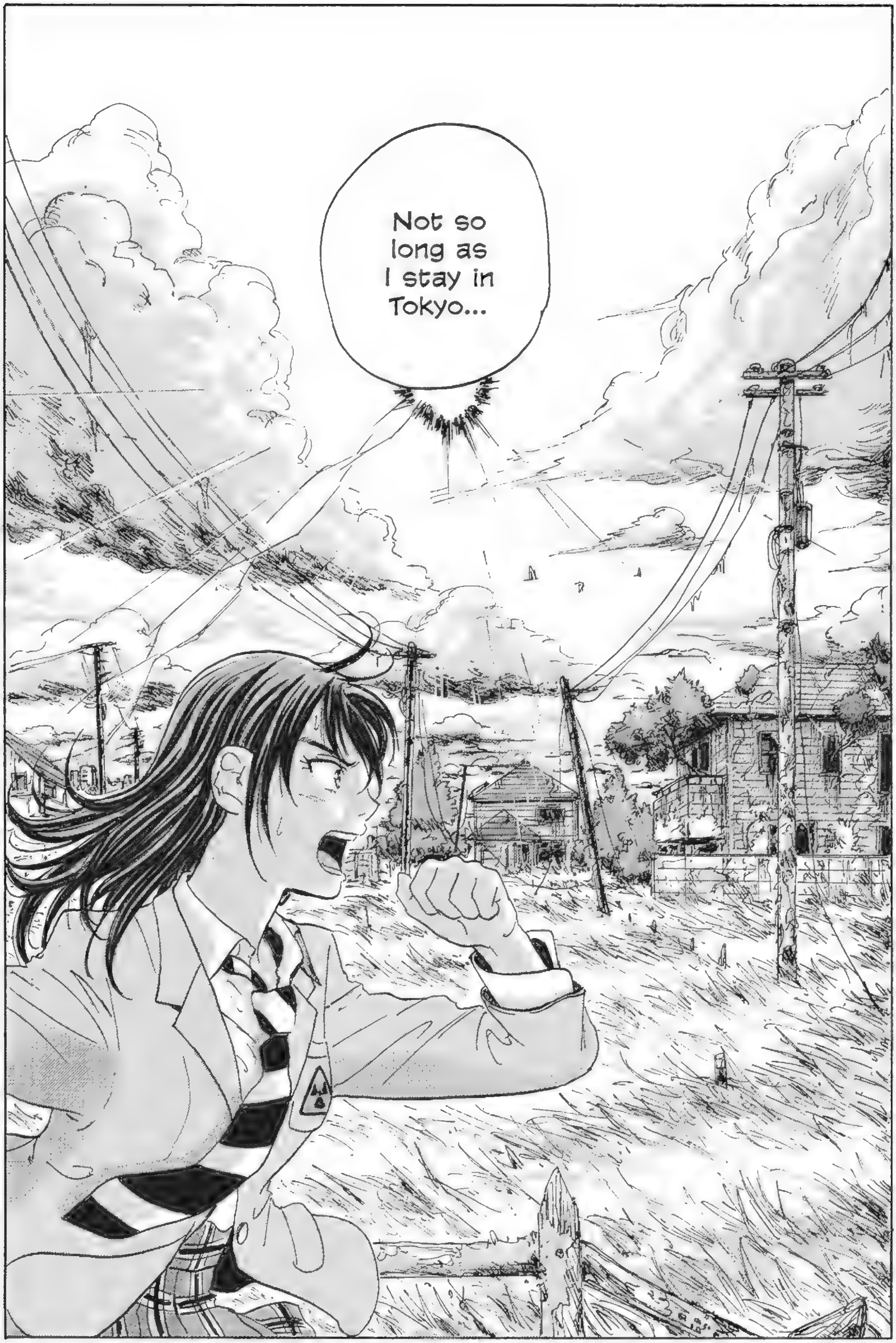

You go ahead in the truck!
We'll meet you soon!
Under-stood!
Go east and you'll come upon Koganei Highway!
ドルルル
THUNK
VRRM
VRRM
THE ART MUSEUM IS JUST BEYOND!
Roger!
タッ
TMP
Ibara...
Did she say *crow monster*?!
Ibara! *Ibaaara!*

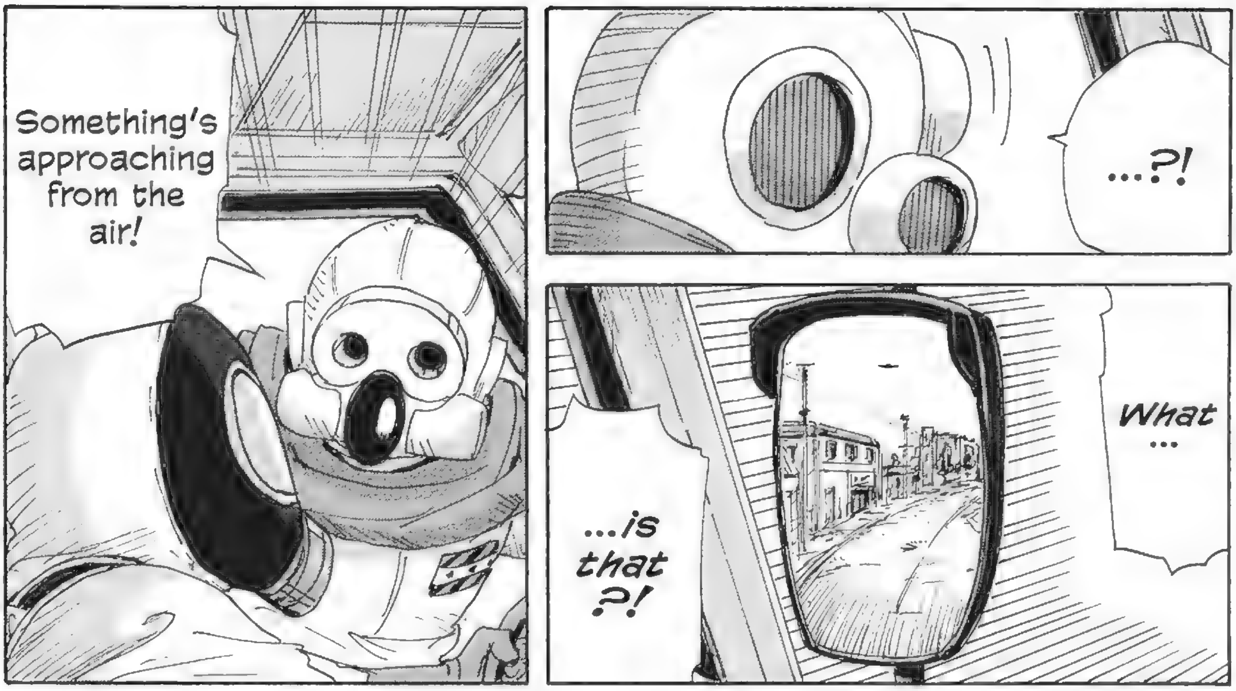
小金井街道
Koganei-kaido
TOKYO
KOGANEI HIGHWAY
15分車検
車検
45 MINUTE
VEHICLE INSPECTIONS
FUCHU BRANCH
右折
RIGHT
15
ヒュウウウウ
HWOOOO
HUFF
ROUTE
15
TOKYO
小金井街道
KOGANEI
HIGHWAY
HUFF
Koganei Highway... this's it!
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
Wait... is a crow monster like...
A giant mutated crow?!
How come nobody told me there were monsters like that?!
You read too much manga.
Radiation doesn't create oversized monsters!
Then what attacked Miss Ayame?! Huh?!

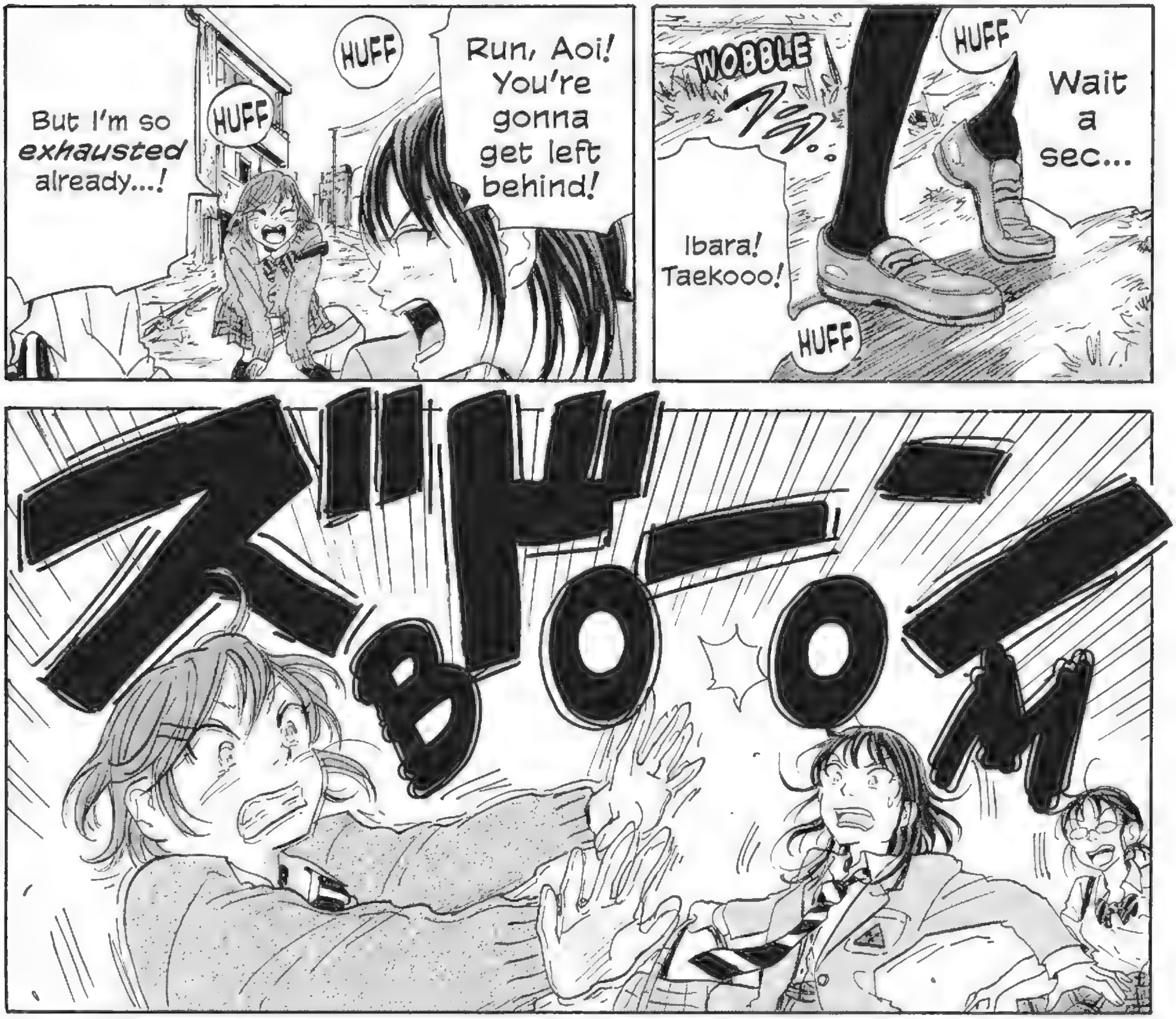

That's what we're gonna find out!
Let's move!
KCHK
Ayame! Come in!
VROOM
No...
What happened to her ...?!
Doc...
Let's make this trip the last one.
20 years...
You held out in this shithole for 20 years.
No one has the right to blame you for what happened.
We've done all we can as normal human beings...
Those girls will take care of the rest.

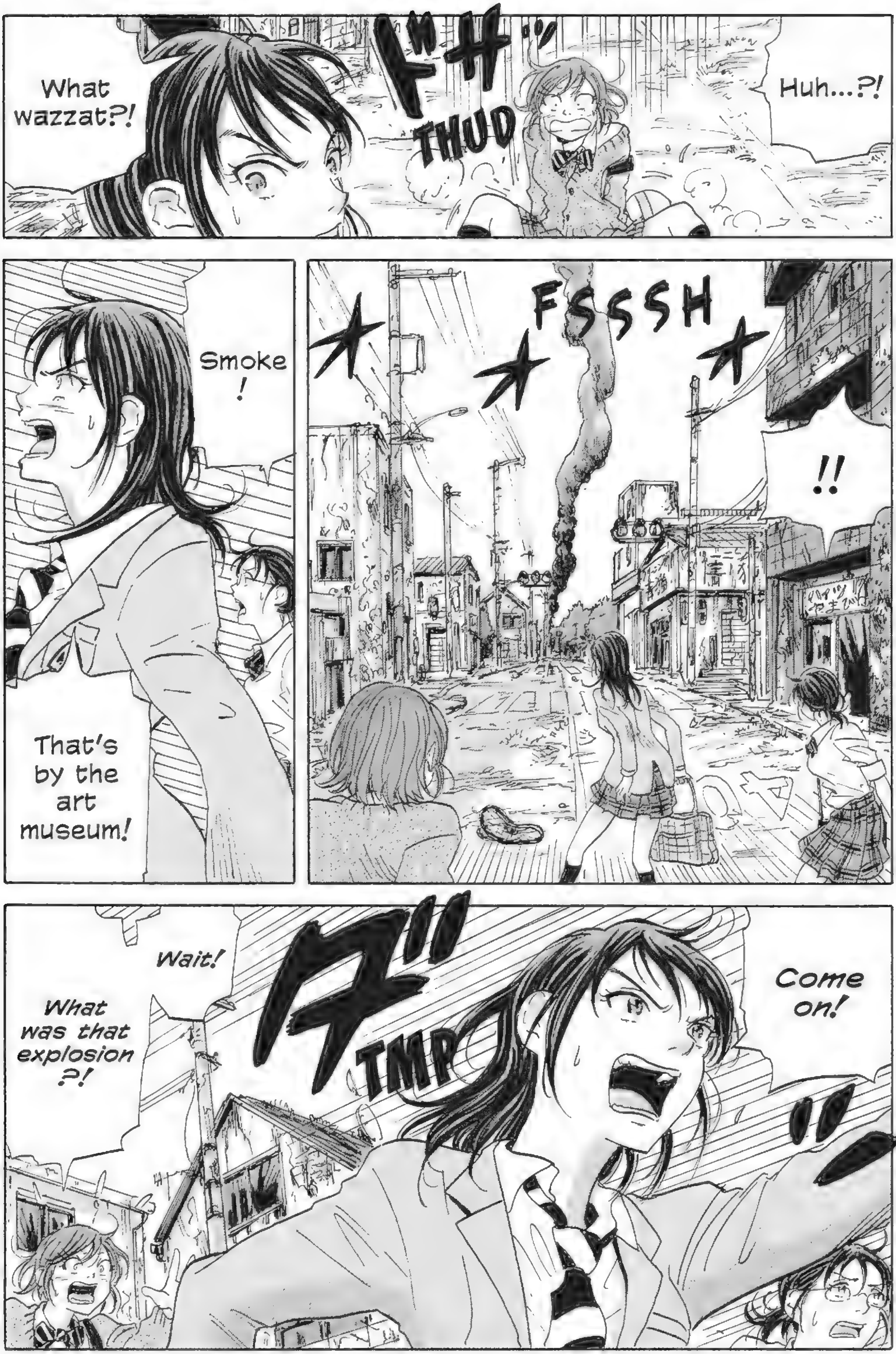

Kamata
...
I've caused you much hardship.
You've seen nothing but danger as my assistant.
I am grateful to you from the bottom of my heart.
You should have no difficulties starting over.
When the helicopter arrives, don't argue. Go with them.
Ha... A guy like me could live in any old hole in the ground.
Getting ya on that helicopter'll be my last real job.
Doc...
We *will* board that chopper!
I'm terrified, Kamata
...
...terrified of the outside world.

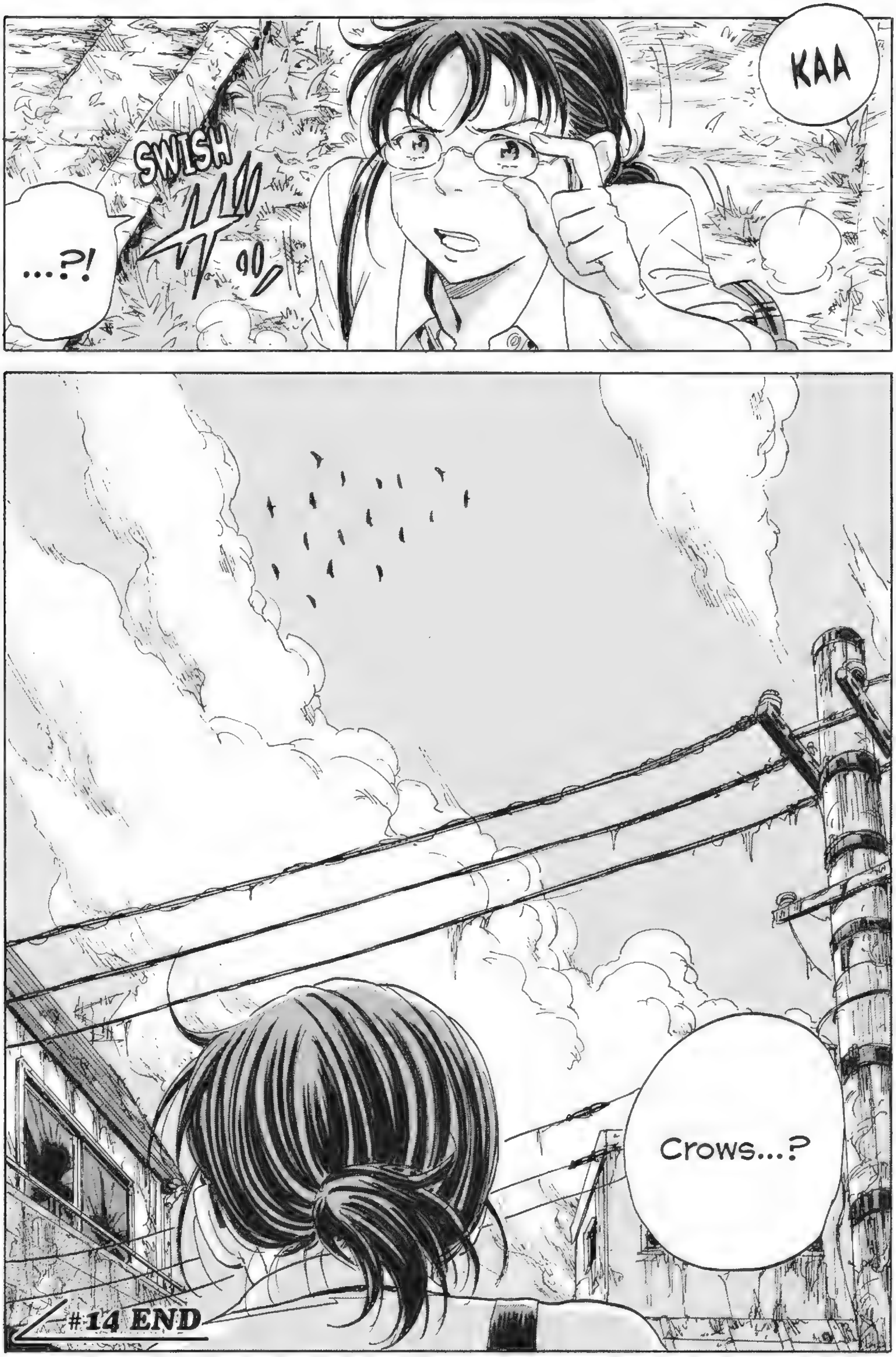

Every night I have the same dream...
...one in which I'm criminalized by society.
Everyone blames me...
Everyone holds me responsible for the accident.
And I cannot say a single word.
Because what they say is true.
It ain't true! That accident woulda happened with or without you!
Somebody else woulda built the nuclear plant, and the same damn thing woulda happened!
Here...
Here, I won't be blamed.

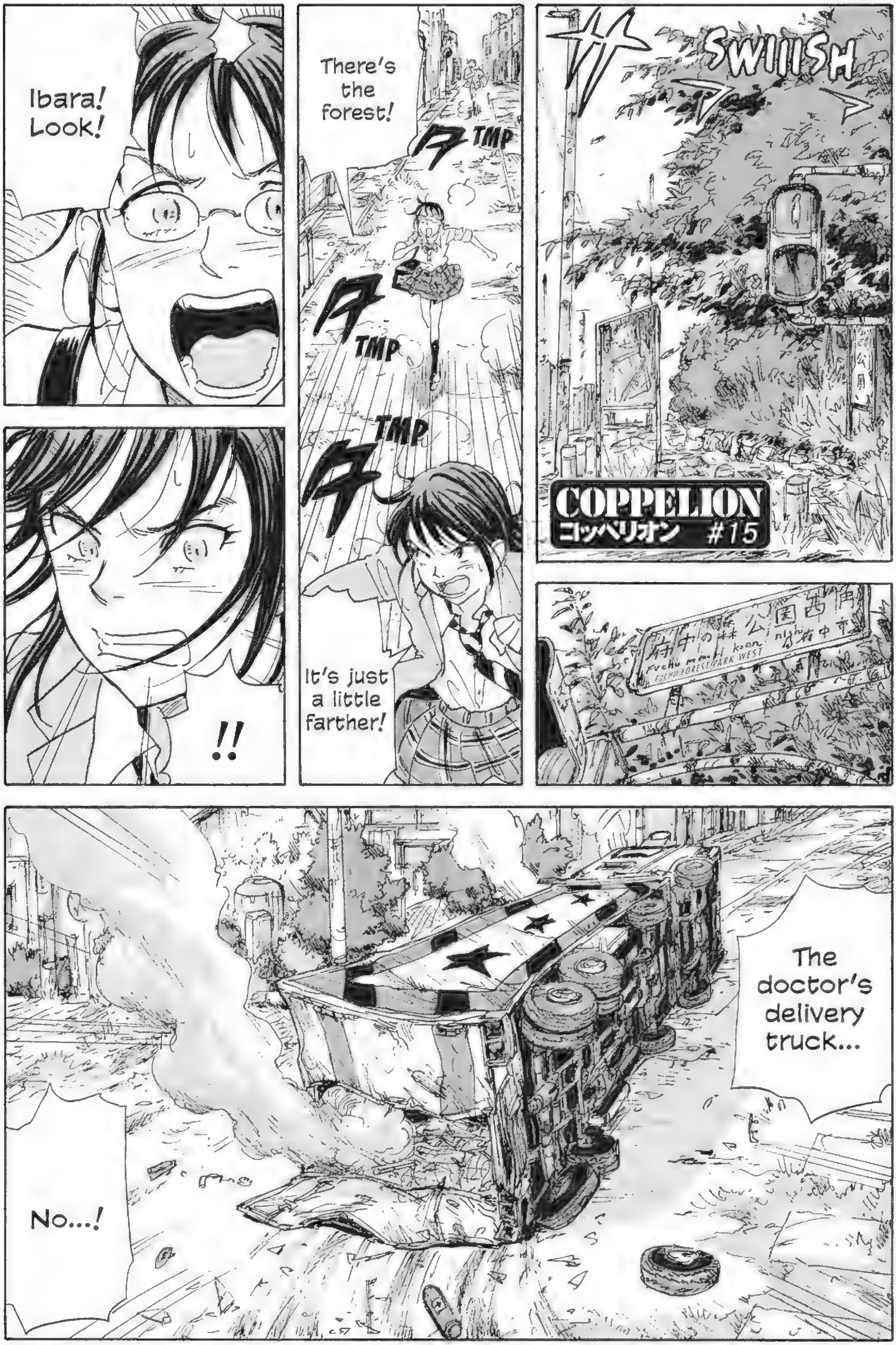

Not so long as I stay in Tokyo...

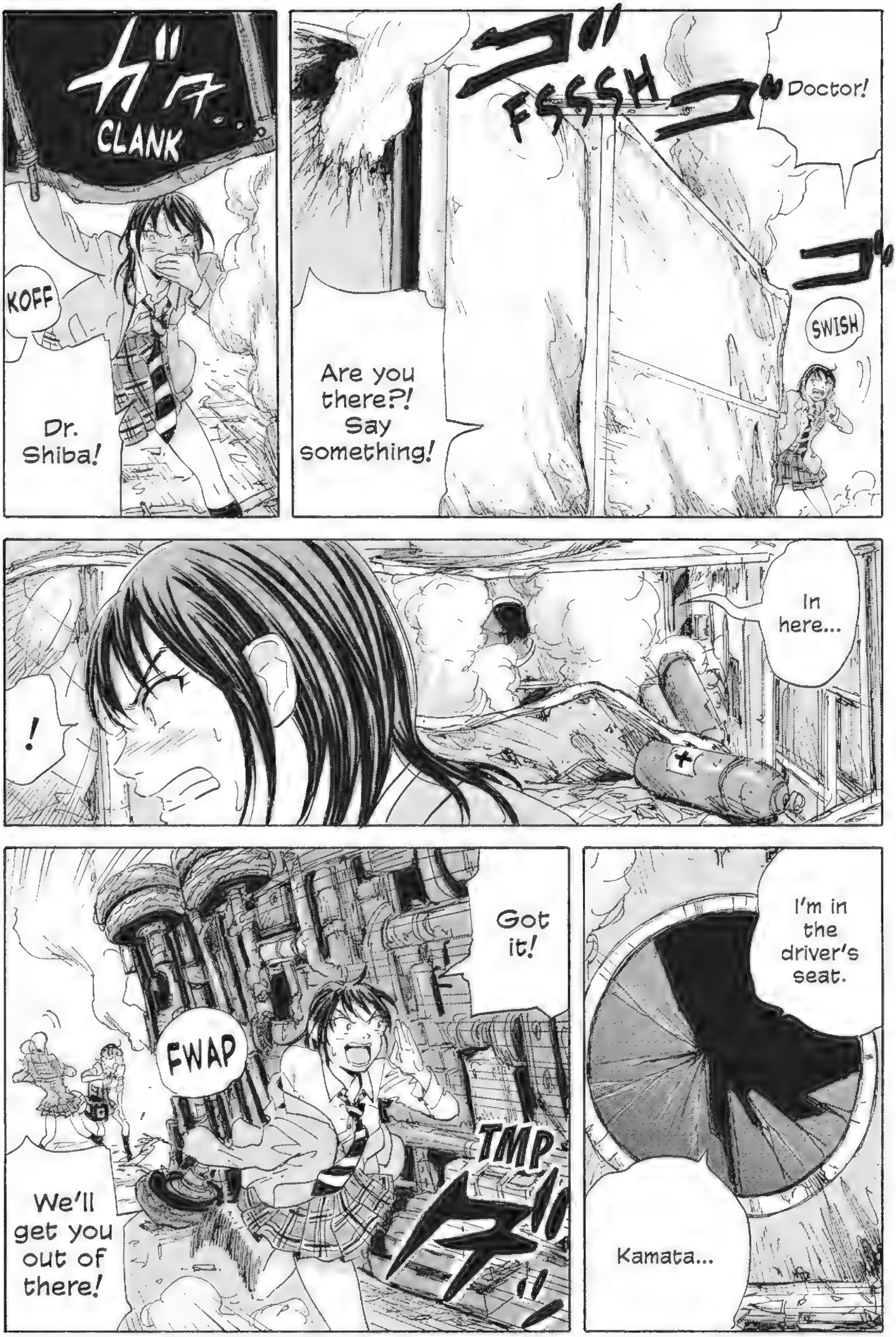

...?!
What...
...is that?!
Something's approaching from the air!

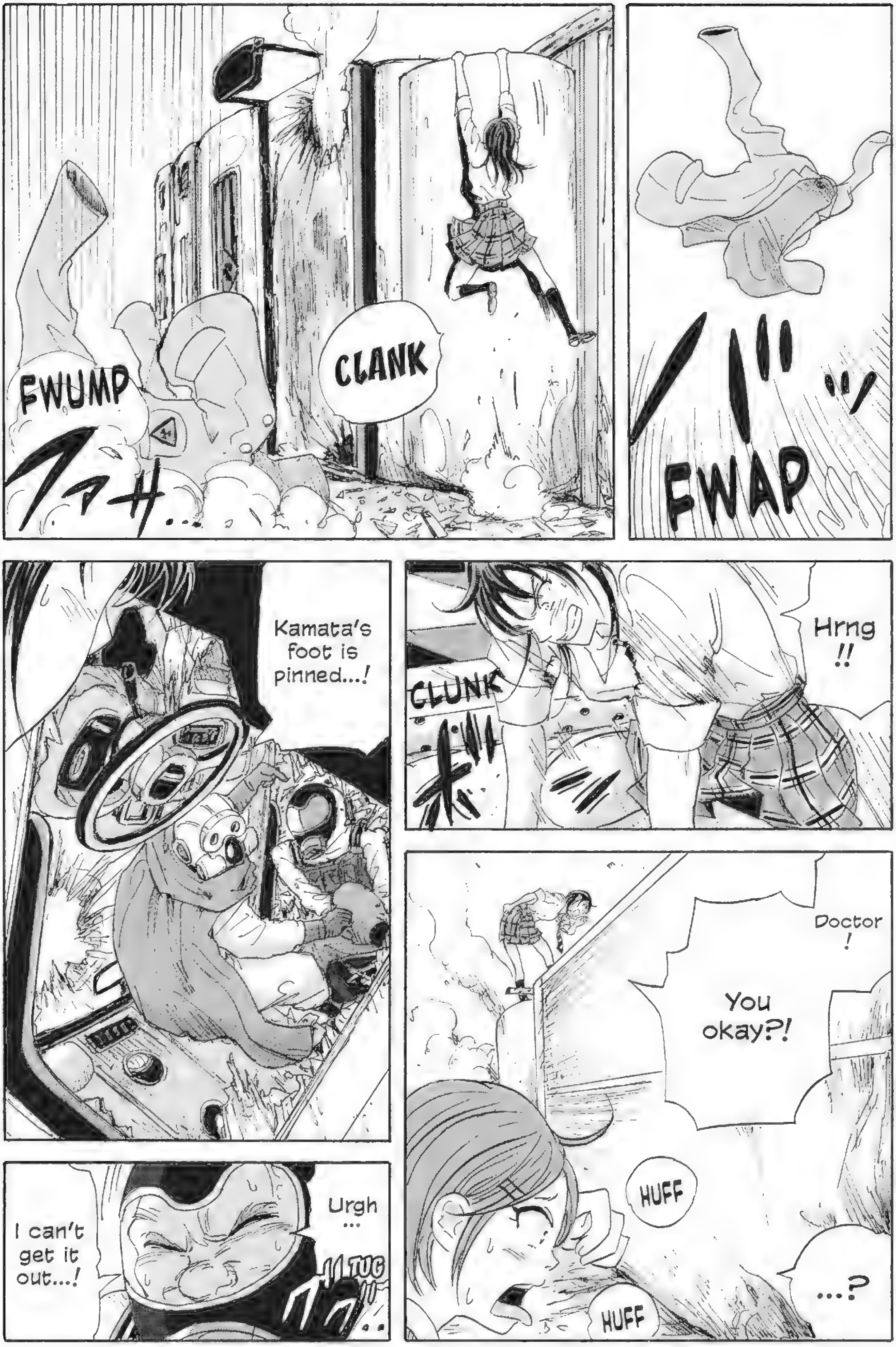

HUFF
Wait a sec...
WOBBLE
Ibara! Taekooo!
HUFF
Run, Aoi! You're gonna get left behind!
HUFF
HUFF
But I'm so exhausted already...!
ズドーン
BOOOM

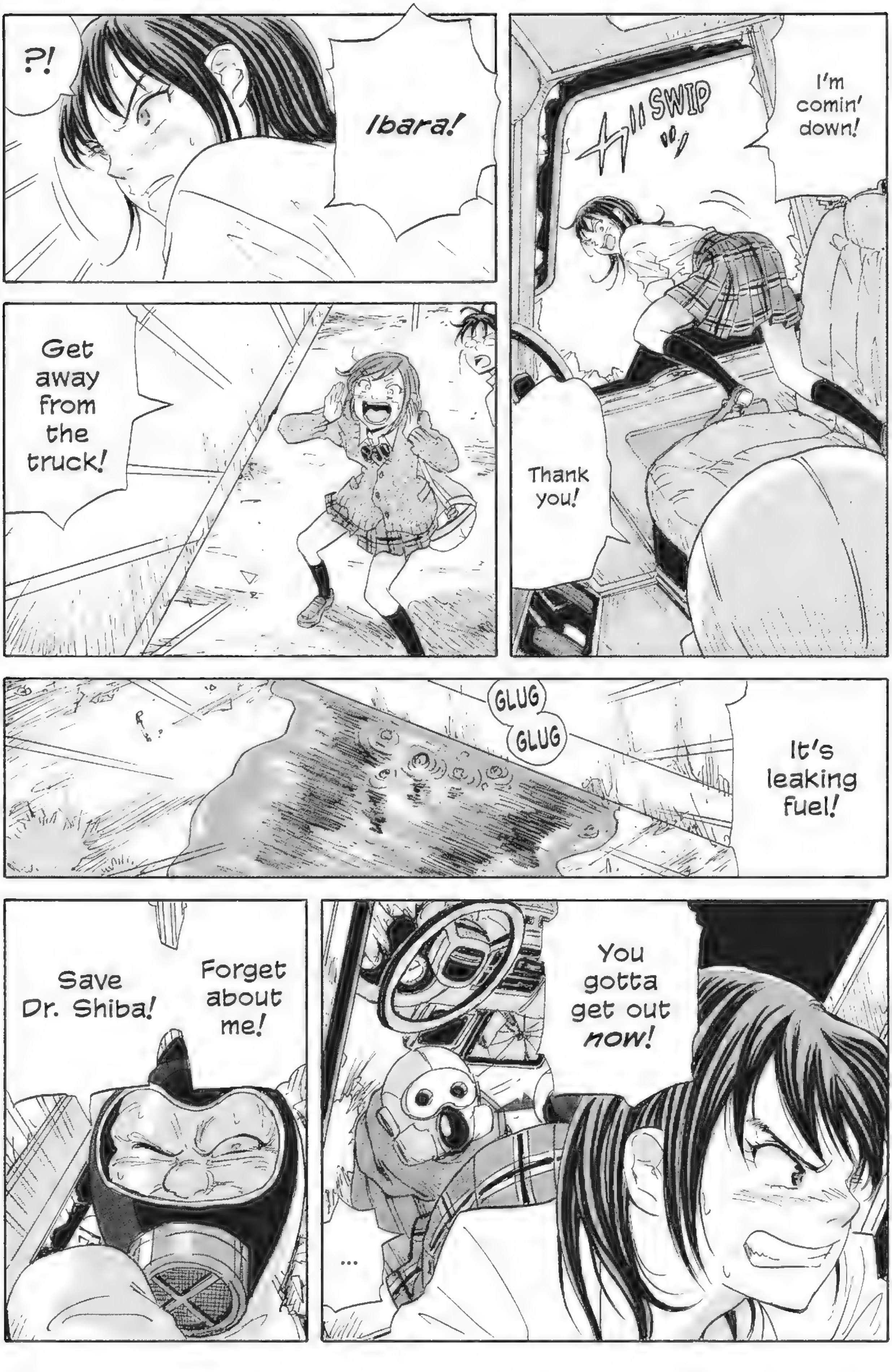

Huh...?!
ドサッ
THUD
What wazzat?!
FSSSH
!!
Smoke!
That's by the art museum!
Come on!
ダッ
TMP
Wait!
What was that explosion?!

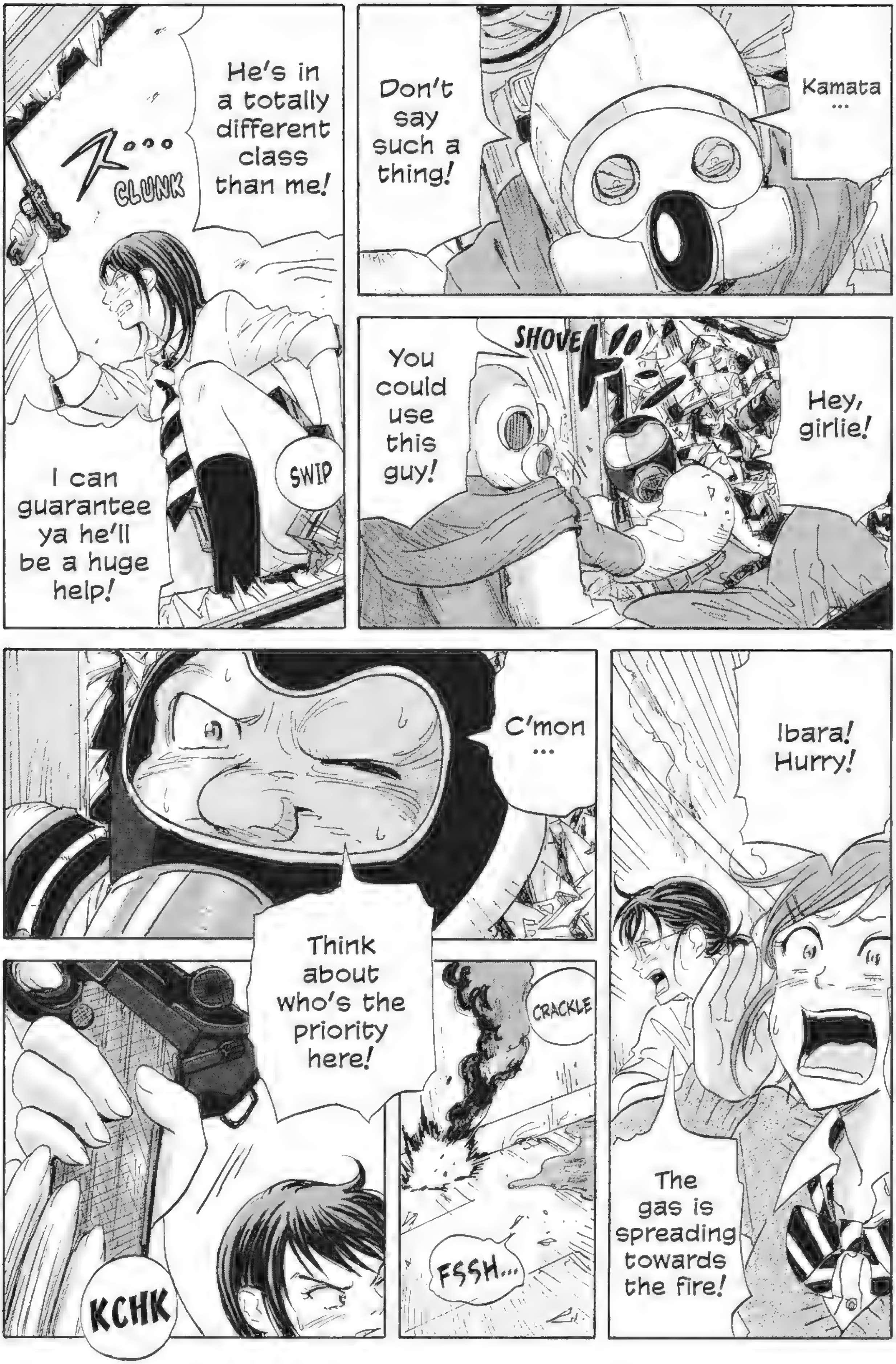

KAA
SWISH
...?!
Crows...?
#14 END

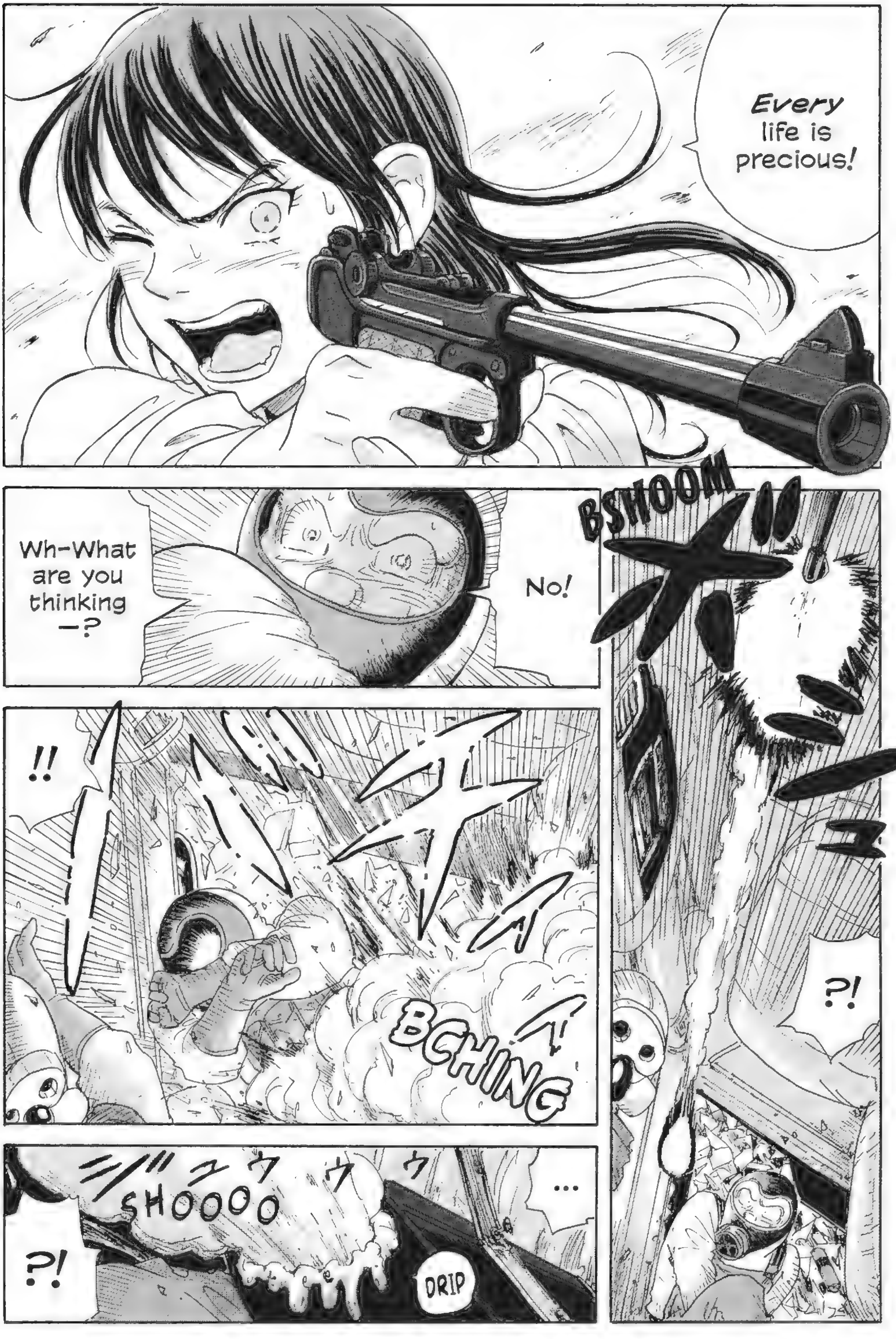

SWIISH
COPPELION
コッペリオン #15
府中の森公園西門
Fuchu no mori koen nishi
FUCHU FOREST PARK WEST
府中市
There's the forest!
TMP
TMP
TMP
It's just a little farther!
Ibara! Look!
!!
The doctor's delivery truck...
No...!

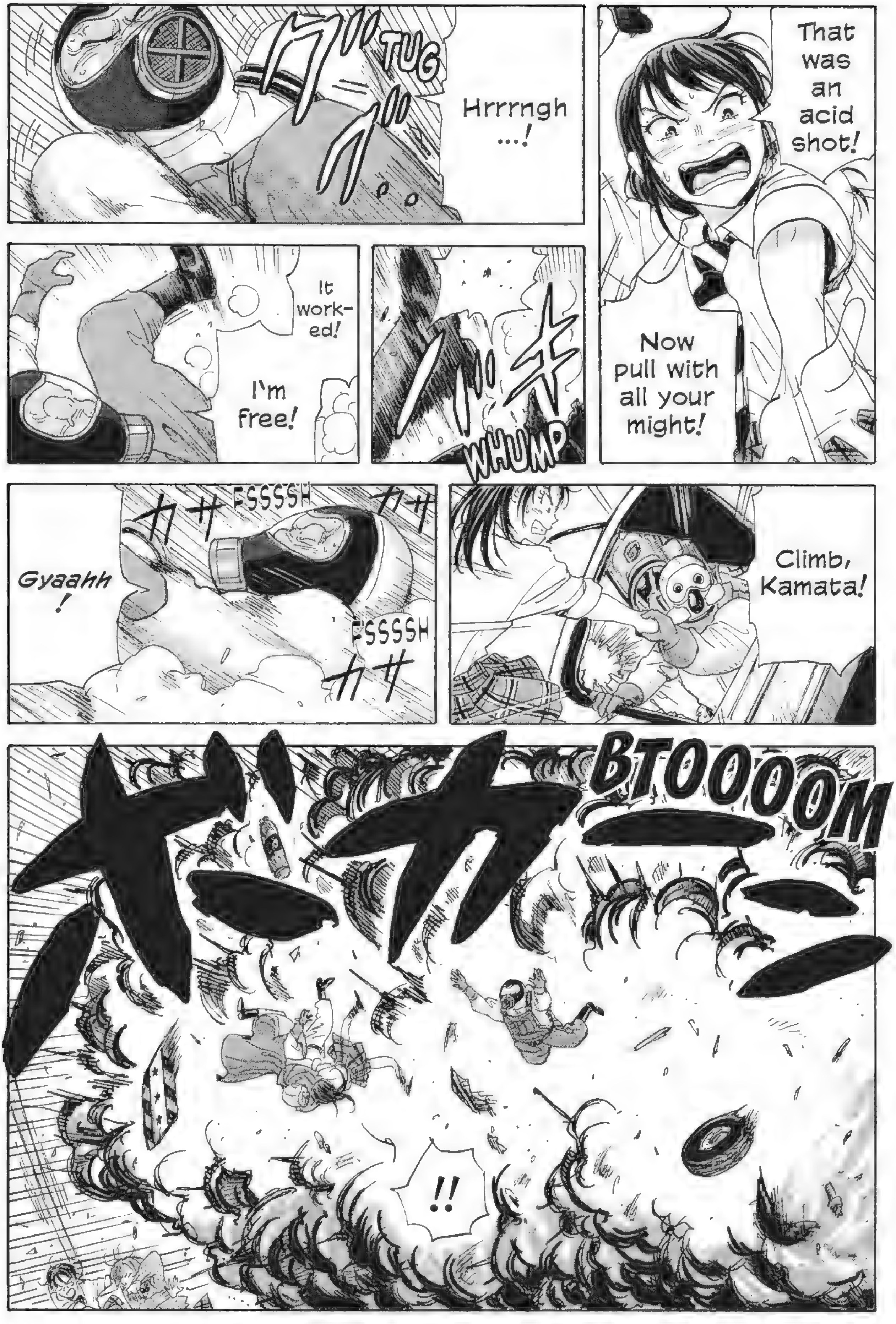

FSSSH
Doctor!
SWISH
Are you there?! Say something!
CLANK
KOFF
Dr. Shiba!
In here...
!
I'm in the driver's seat.
Kamata...
Got it!
FWAP
TMP
We'll get you out of there!

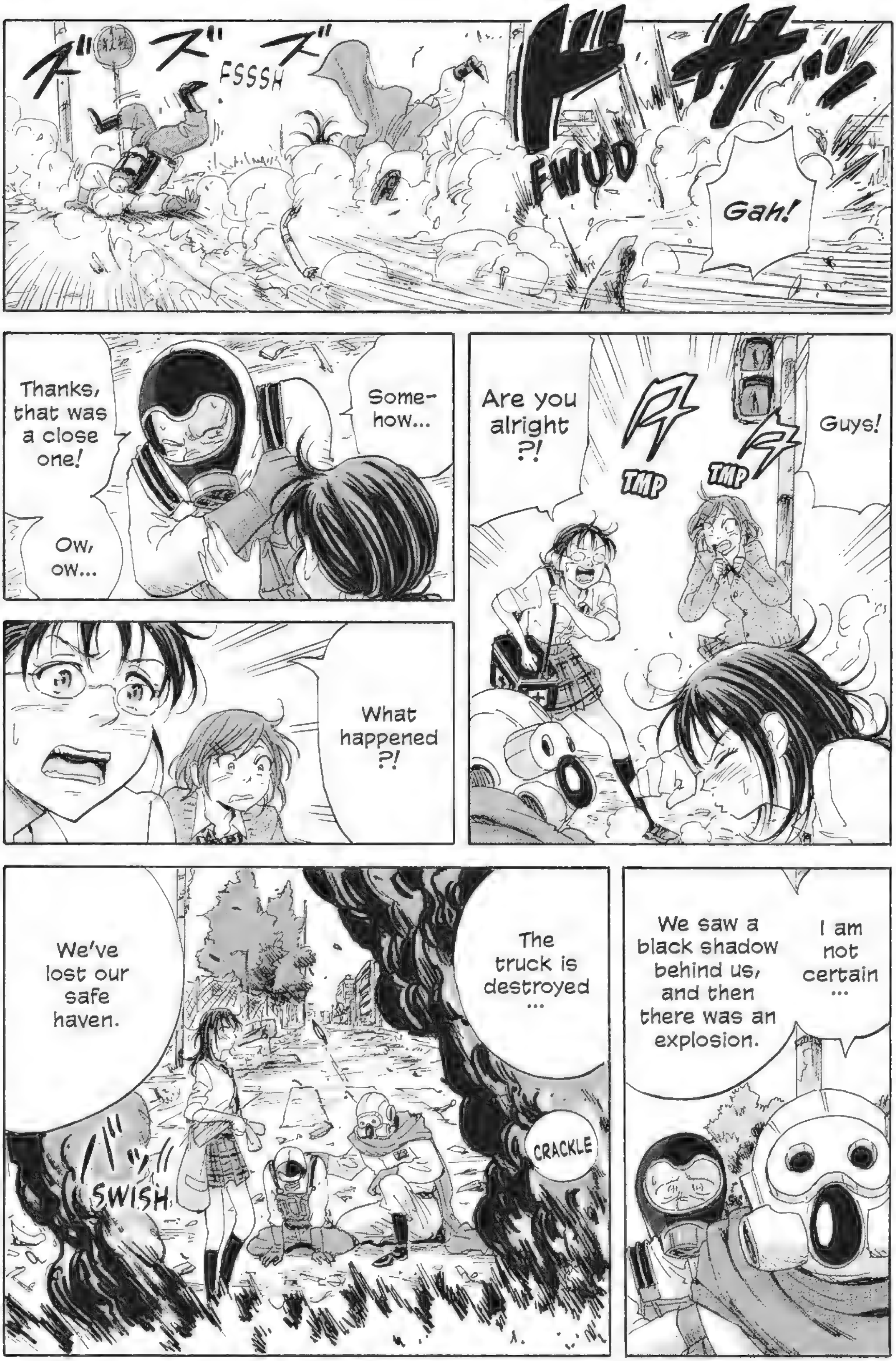

FWAP
FWUMP
CLANK
Hrng !!
CLUNK
Kamata's foot is pinned...!
Doctor !
You okay?!
HUFF
HUFF
...?
Urgh ...
I can't get it out...!
TUG

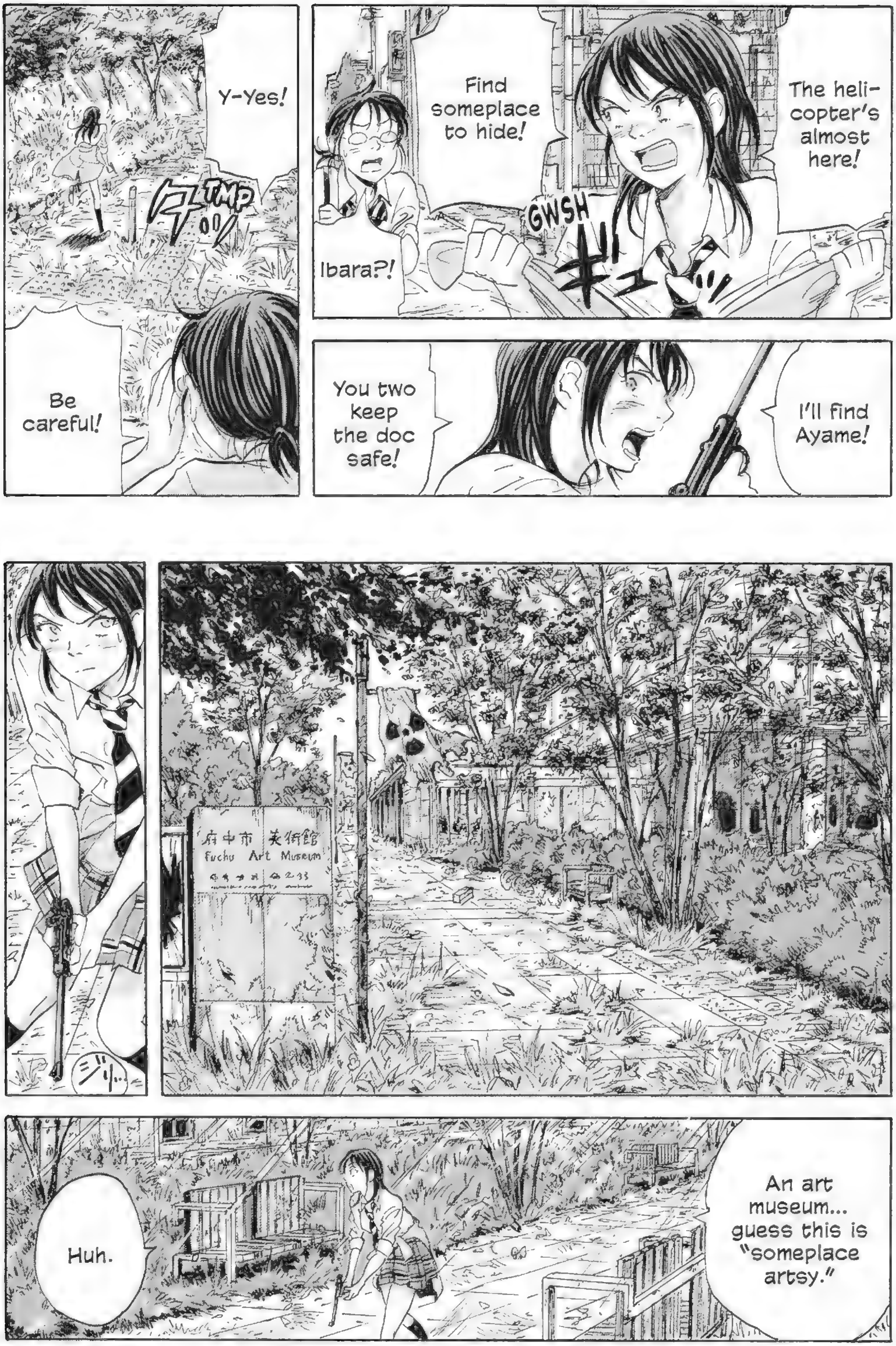

I'm comin' down!
SWIP
Thank you!
Ibara!
?!
Get away from the truck!
GLUG
GLUG
It's leaking fuel!
You gotta get out *now!*
...
Forget about me!
Save Dr. Shiba!

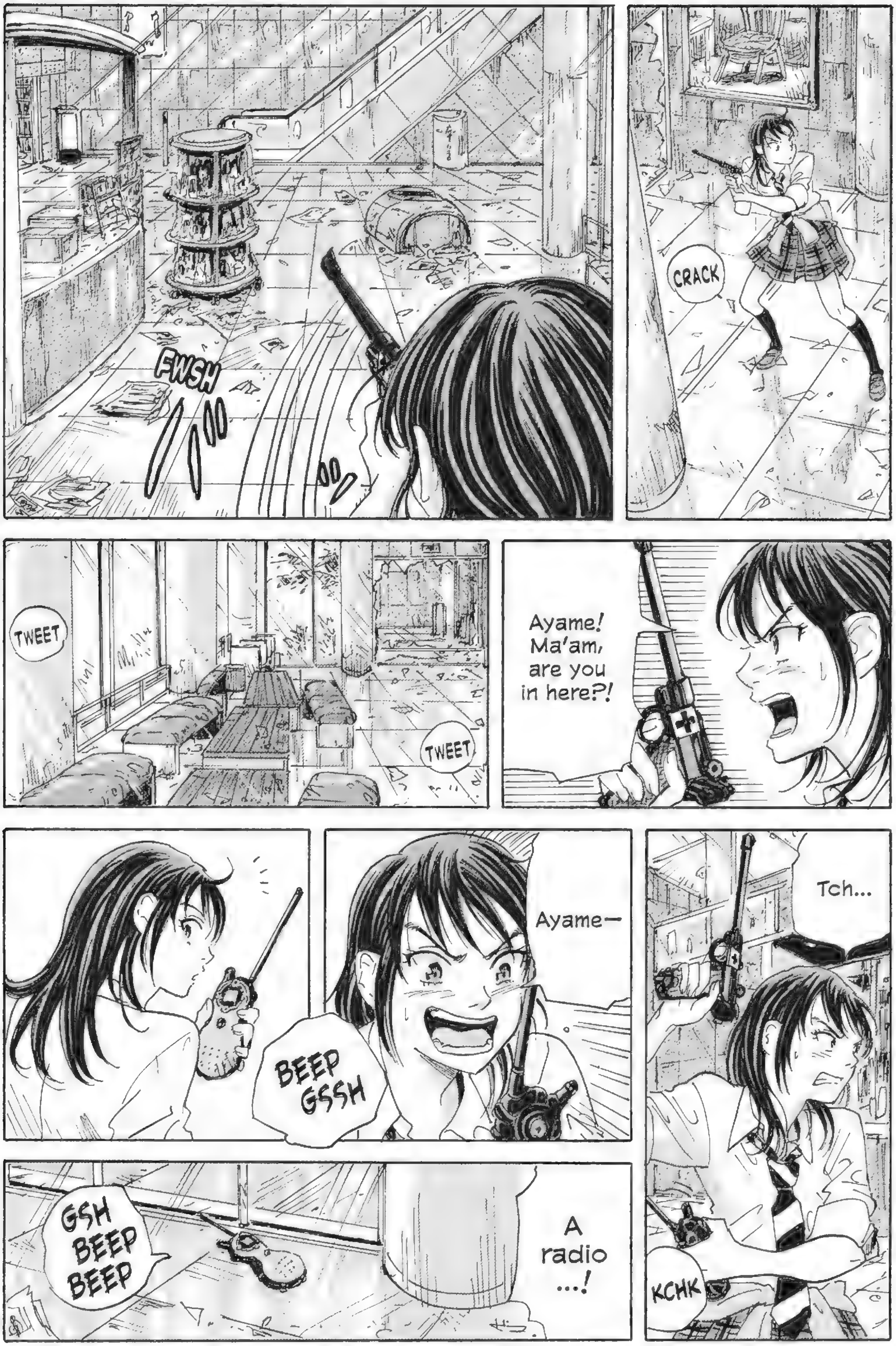

Kamata …
Don't say such a thing!
Hey, girlie!
SHOVE
You could use this guy!
He's in a totally different class than me!
CLUNK
SWIP
I can guarantee ya he'll be a huge help!
Ibara! Hurry!
The gas is spreading towards the fire!
C'mon …
Think about who's the priority here!
CRACKLE
FSSH…
KCHK

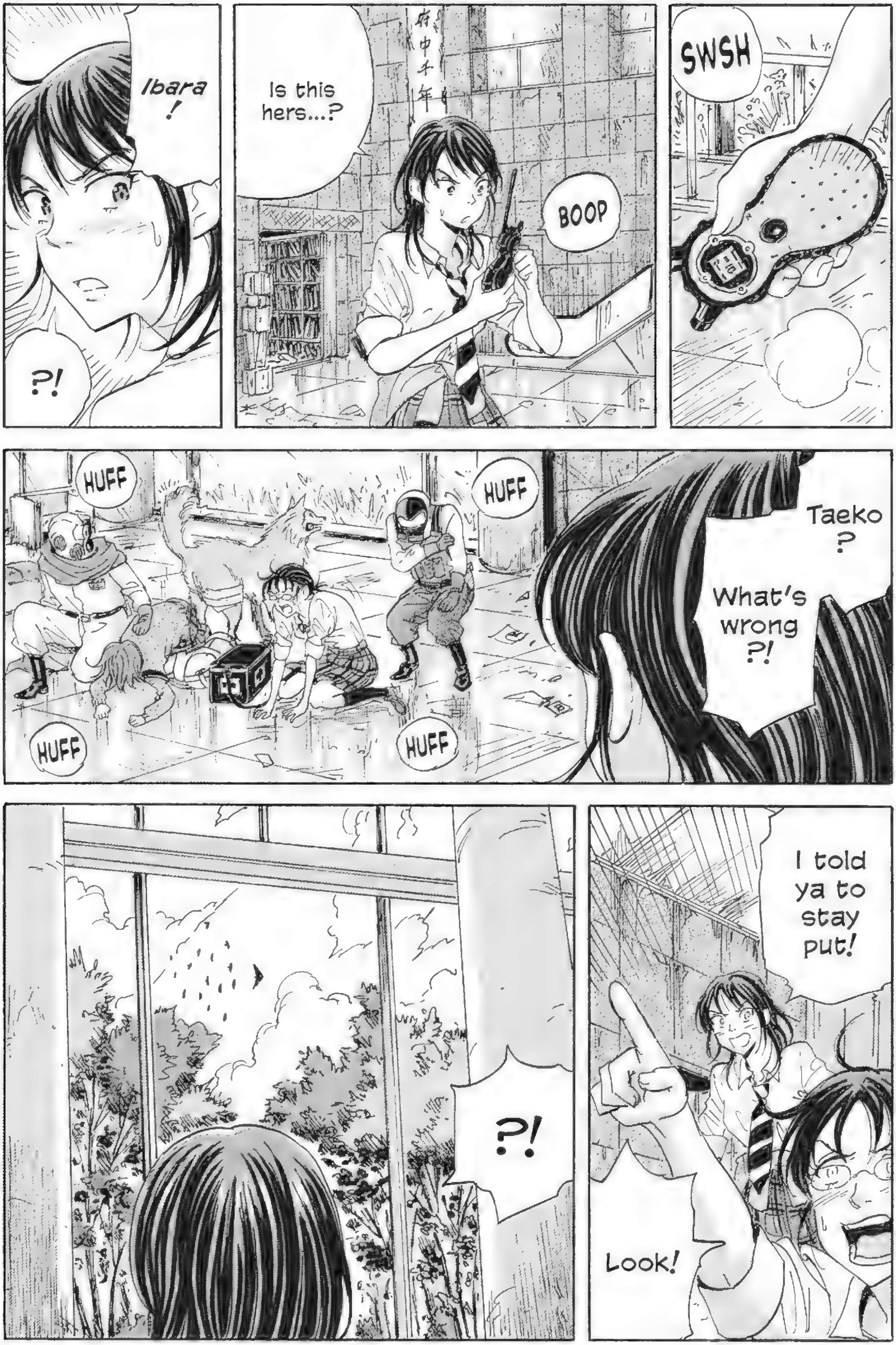

Every life is precious!
BSHOOM
No!
Wh-What are you thinking—?
?!
!!
BCHING
...
ジュウウウ
SHOOOO
?!
DRIP

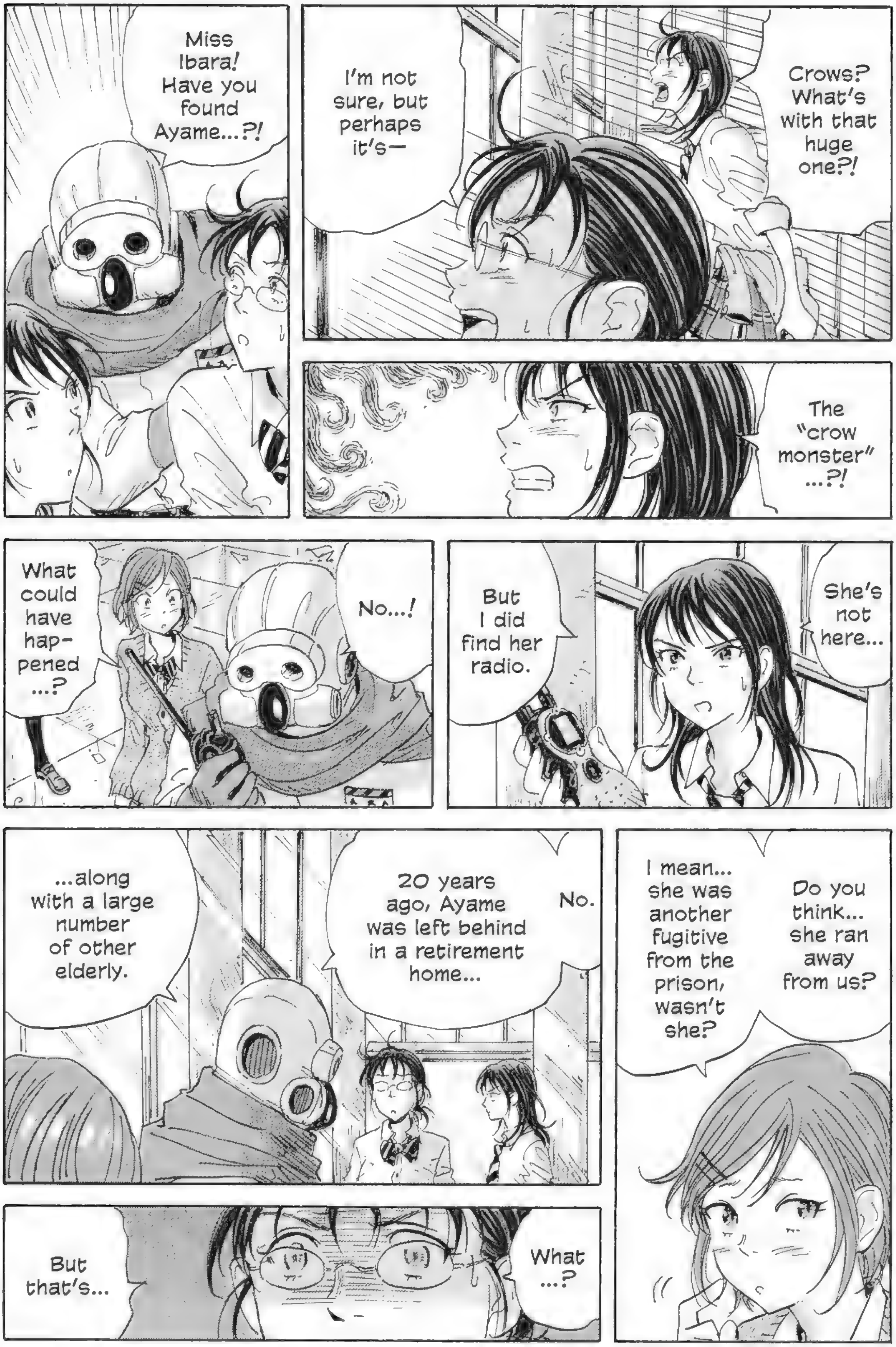

That was an acid shot!
Now pull with all your might!
TUG
Hrrrngh...!
WHUMP
It worked-ed!
I'm free!
Climb, Kamata!
FSSSSH
Gyaahh!
FSSSSH
BTOOOOM
!!

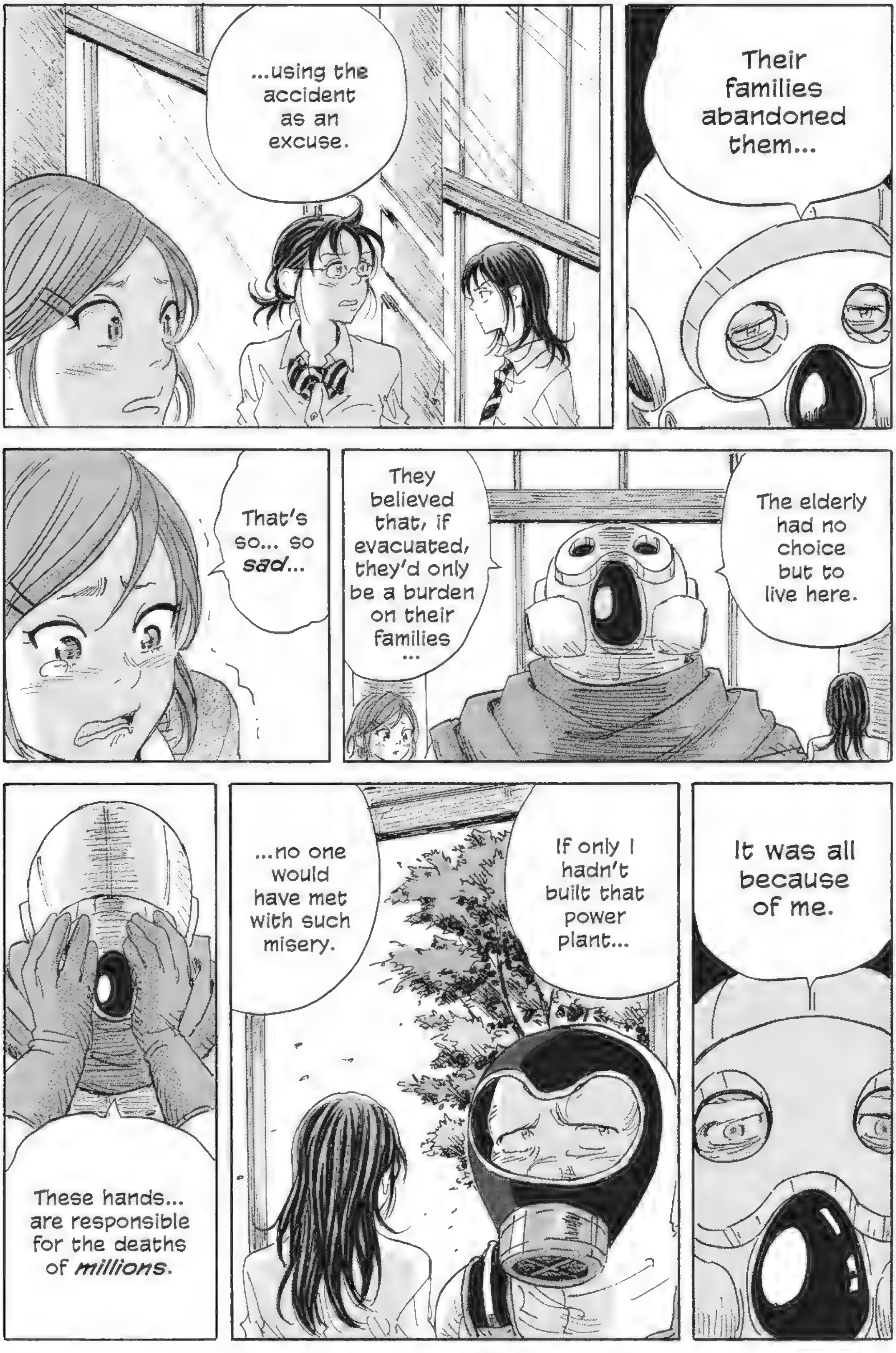

Gah!
FWUD
FSSSH
ズズズ
Guys!
TMP
TMP
Are you alright?!
Some-how...
Thanks, that was a close one!
Ow, ow...
What happened?!
I am not certain...
We saw a black shadow behind us, and then there was an explosion.
The truck is destroyed...
CRACKLE
We've lost our safe haven.
SWISH

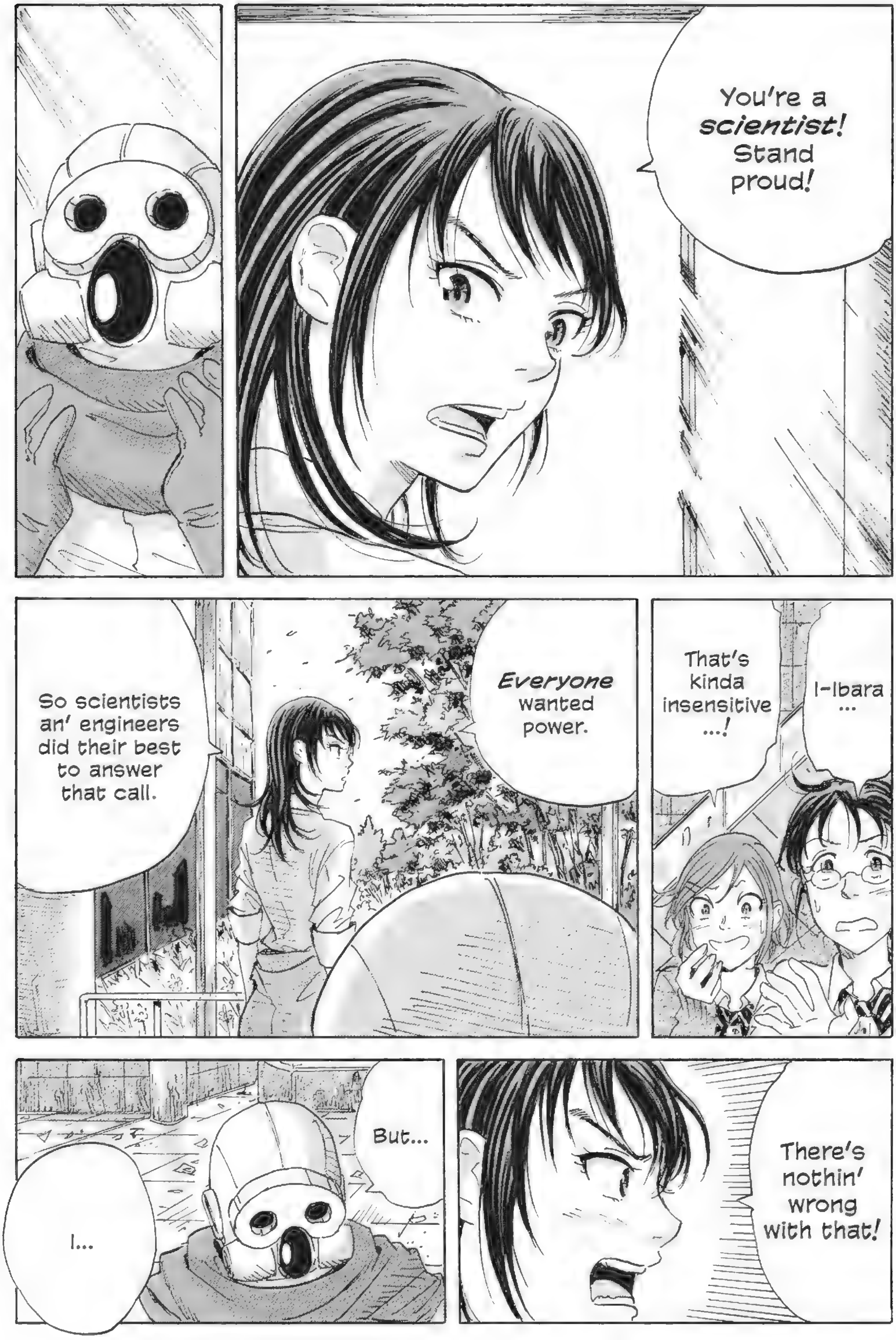

The heli-copter's almost here!
Find someplace to hide!
GWSH
Ibara?!
I'll find Ayame!
You two keep the doc safe!
Y-Yes!
TMP
Be careful!
府中市 美術館
Fuchu Art Museum
An art museum... guess this is "someplace artsy."
Huh.

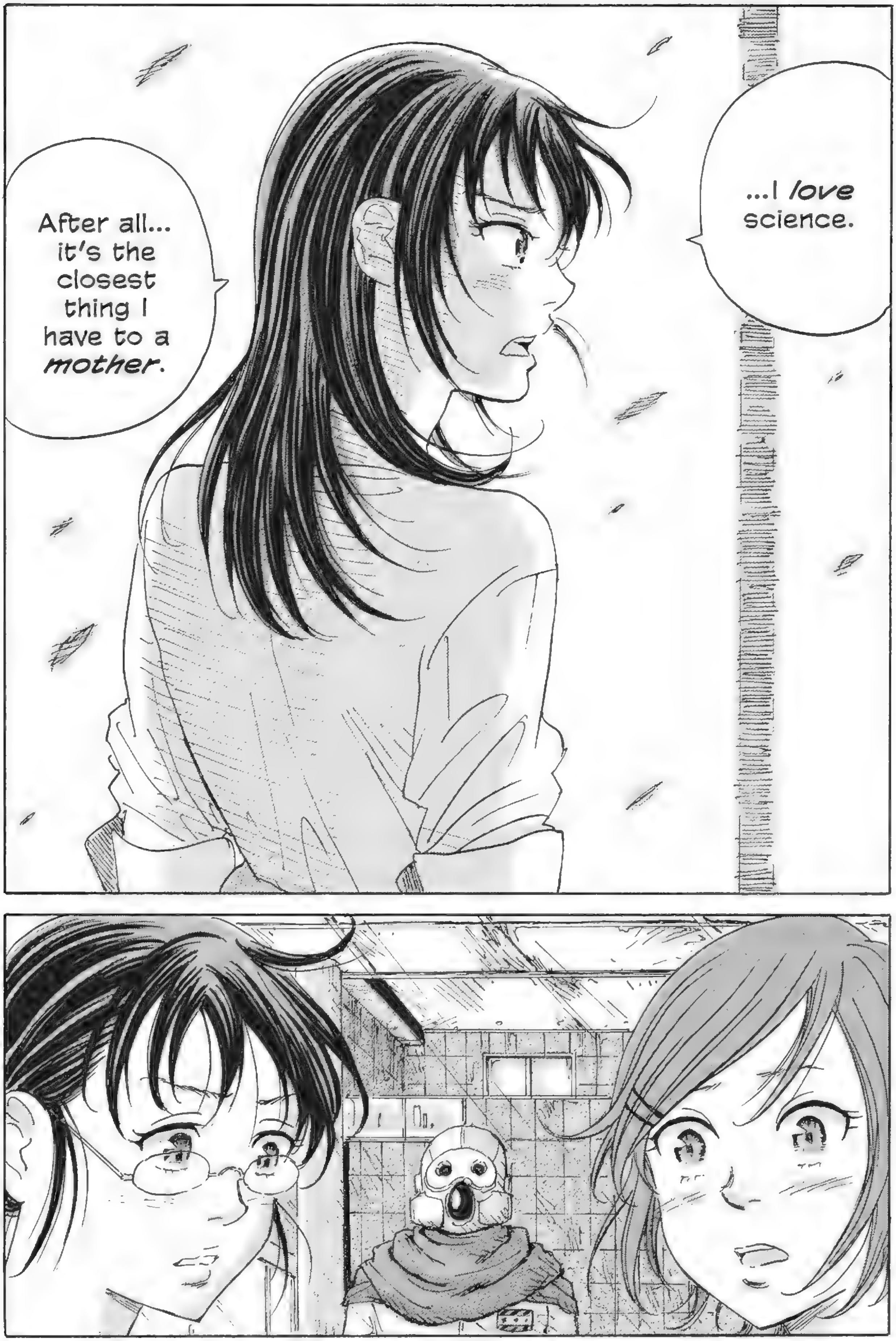

CRACK
FWSH
Ayame! Ma'am, are you in here?!
TWEET
TWEET
Tch...
Ayame—
BEEP GSSH
A radio ...!
GSH BEEP BEEP
KCHK

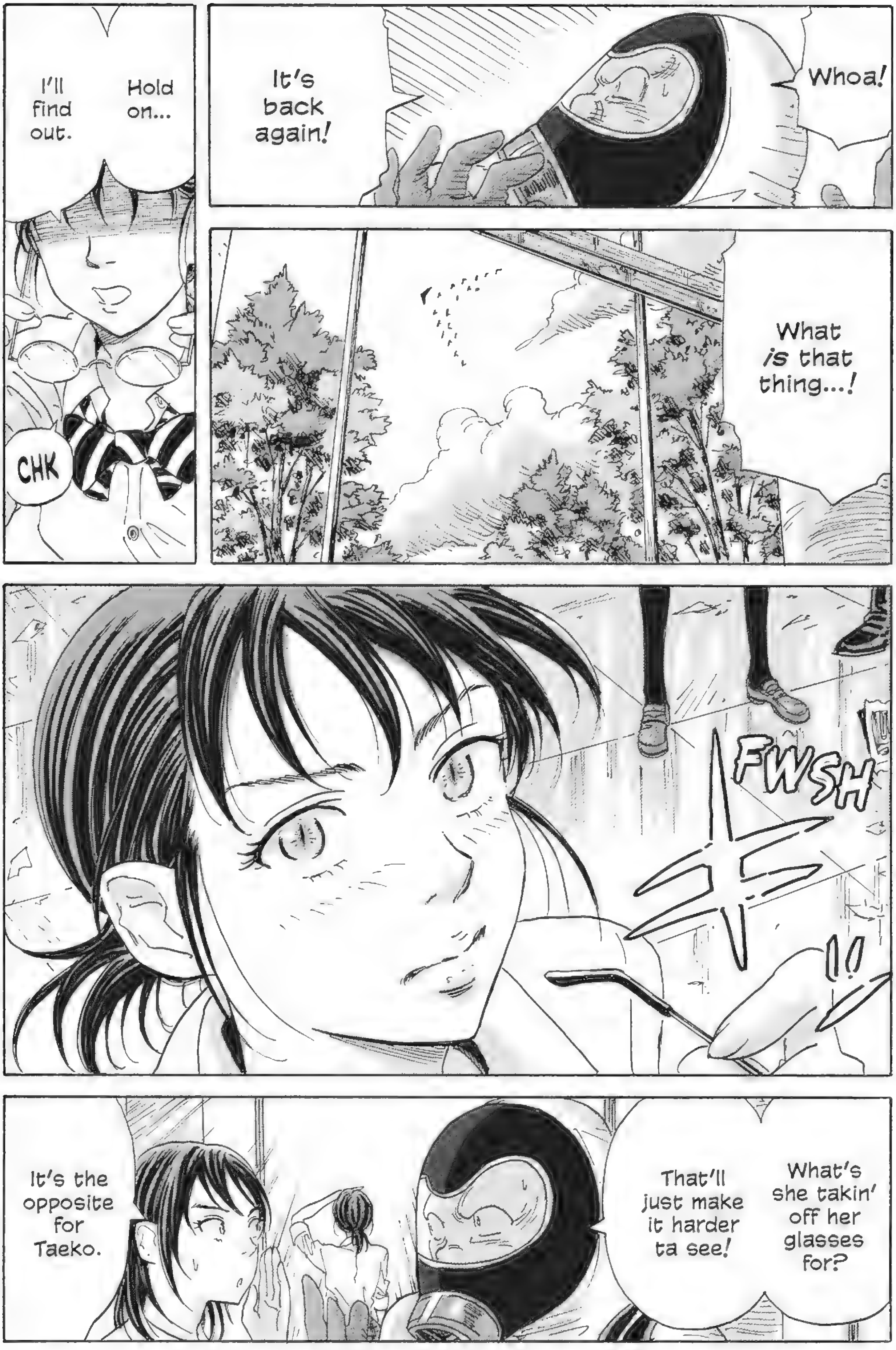

SWSH
Is this hers...?
府中千年
BOOP
Ibara!
?!
Taeko? What's wrong?!
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
I told ya to stay put!
Look!
?!

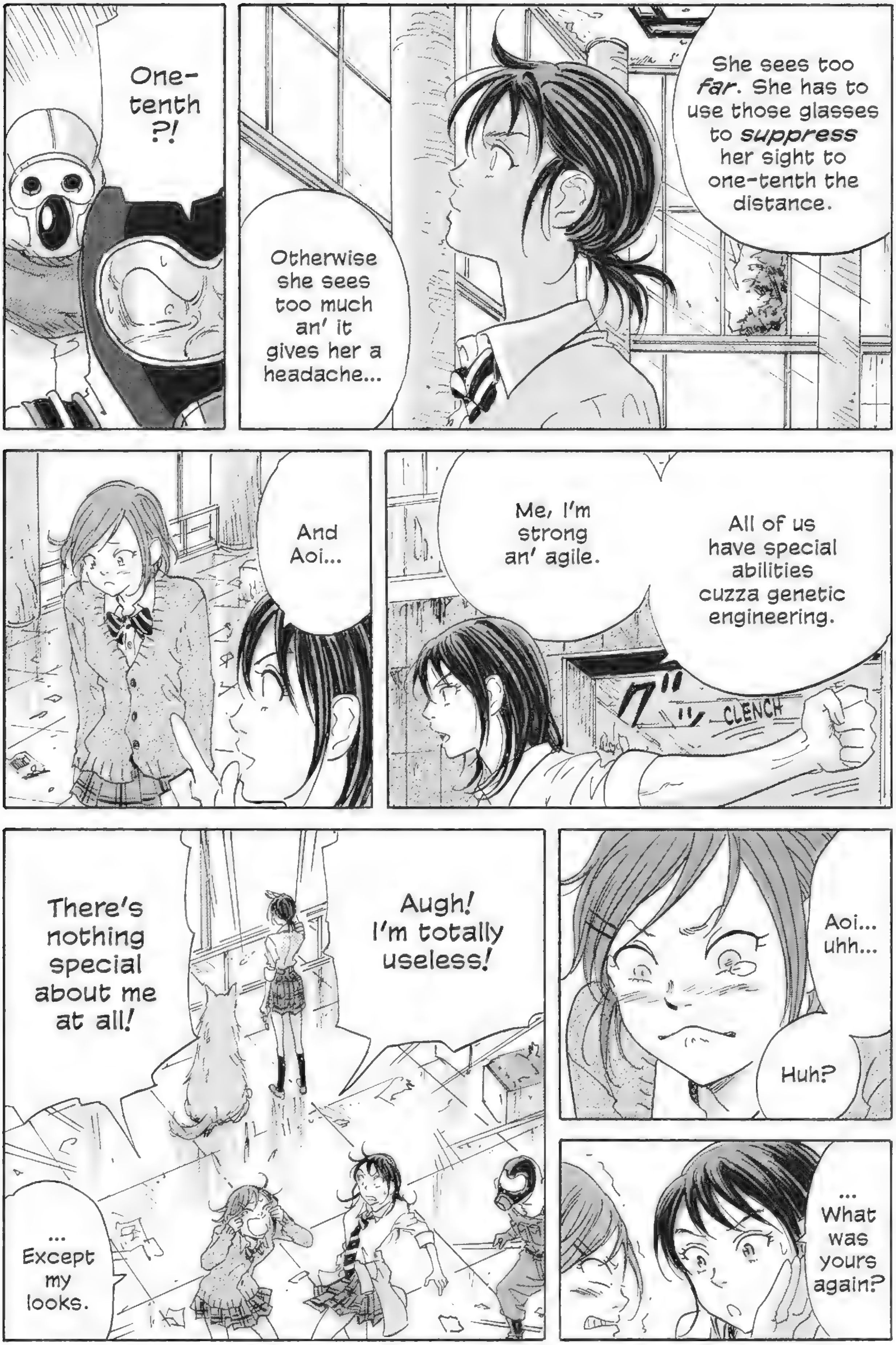

Crows? What's with that huge one?!
I'm not sure, but perhaps it's—
The "crow monster" ...?!
Miss Ibara! Have you found Ayame...?!
She's not here...
But I did find her radio.
No...!
What could have happened ...?
Do you think... she ran away from us?
I mean... she was another fugitive from the prison, wasn't she?
No.
20 years ago, Ayame was left behind in a retirement home...
...along with a large number of other elderly.
What ...?
But that's...

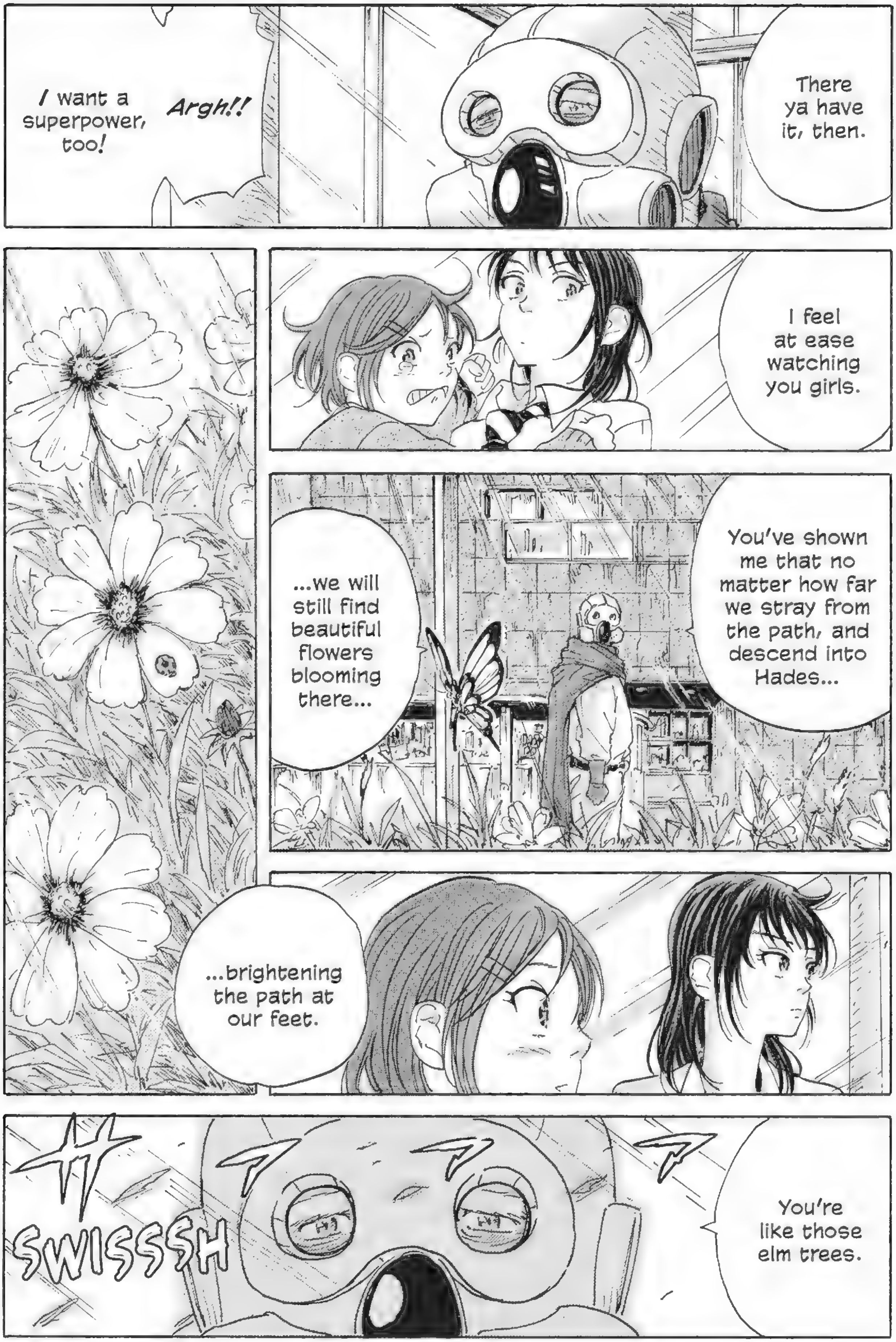

Their families abandoned them...
...using the accident as an excuse.
The elderly had no choice but to live here.
They believed that, if evacuated, they'd only be a burden on their families...
That's so... so *sad*...
It was all because of me.
If only I hadn't built that power plant...
...no one would have met with such misery.
These hands... are responsible for the deaths of *millions*.

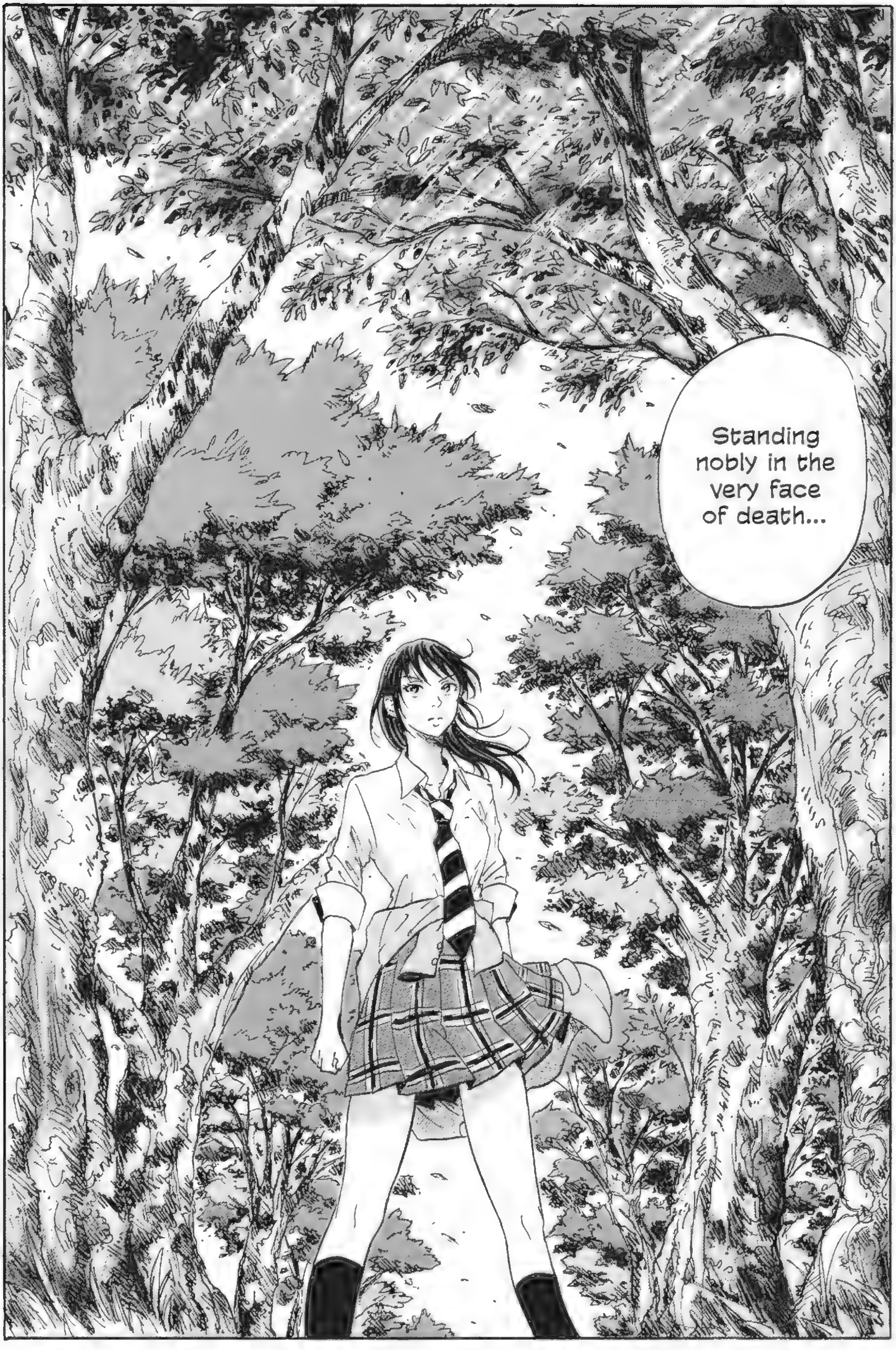

You're a *scientist!* Stand proud!
I-Ibara ...
That's kinda insensitive ...!
Everyone wanted power.
So scientists an' engineers did their best to answer that call.
There's nothin' wrong with that!
But...
I...

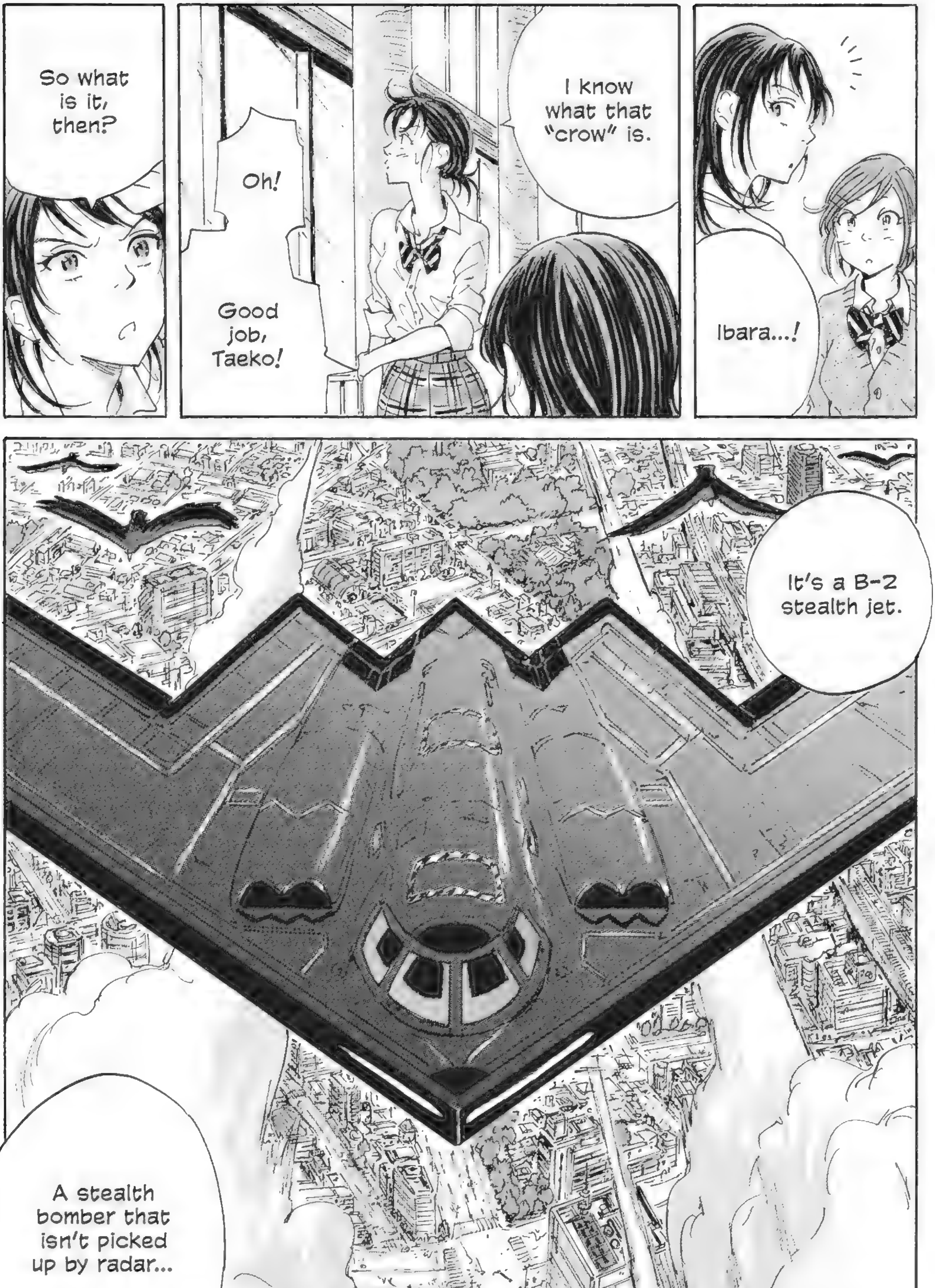

...I *love* science.
After all... it's the closest thing I have to a *mother*.

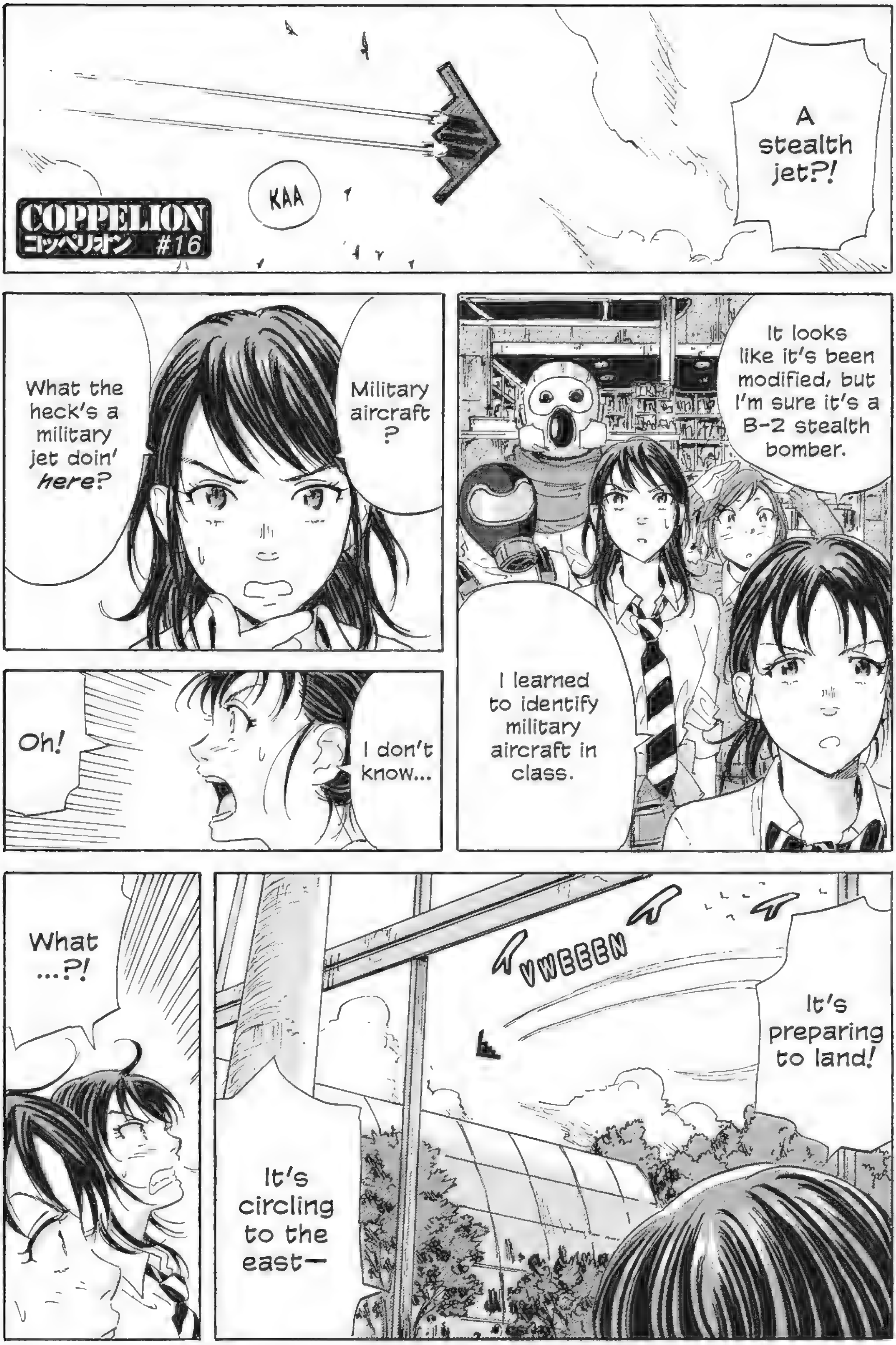

Whoa!
It's back again!
What *is* that thing...!
Hold on...
I'll find out.
CHK
FWSH
!!
What's she takin' off her glasses for?
That'll just make it harder ta see!
It's the opposite for Taeko.

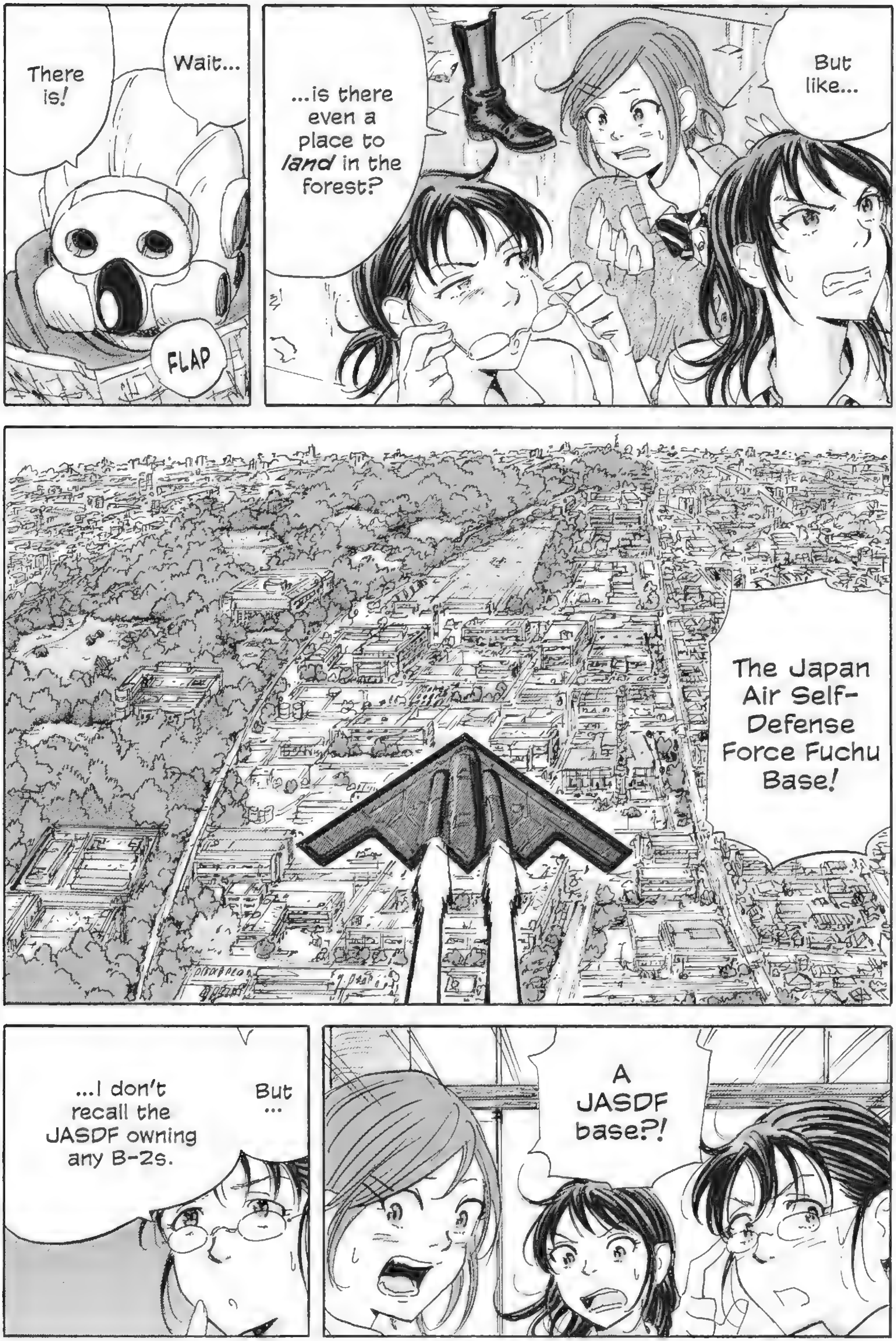

She sees too *far*. She has to use those glasses to *suppress* her sight to one-tenth the distance.
Otherwise she sees too much an' it gives her a headache...
One-tenth ?!
All of us have special abilities cuzza genetic engineering.
Me, I'm strong an' agile.
CLENCH
And Aoi...
Aoi... uhh...
Huh?
...What was yours again?
Augh! I'm totally useless!
There's nothing special about me at all!
...Except my looks.

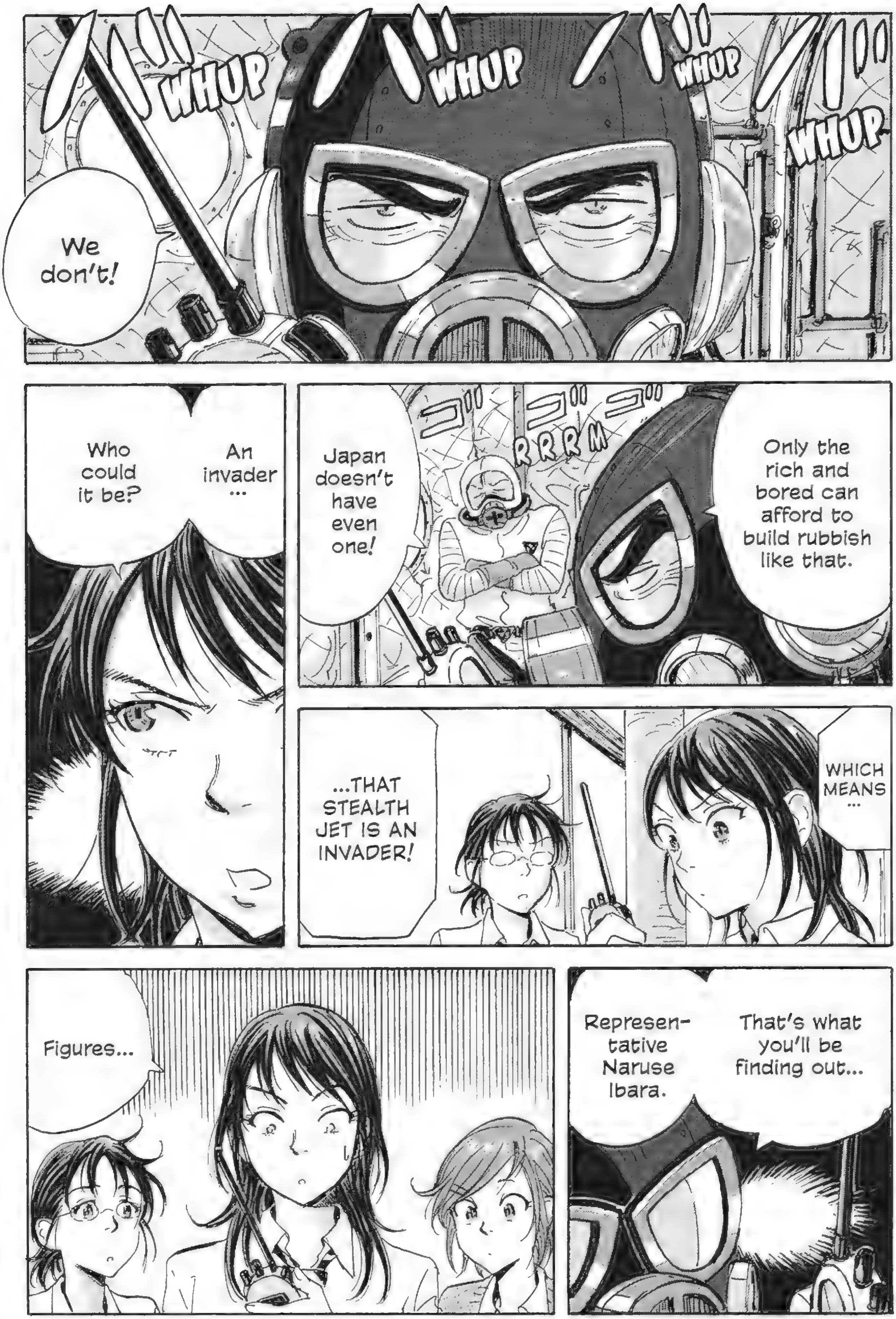

There ya have it, then.
Argh!!
I want a superpower, too!
I feel at ease watching you girls.
You've shown me that no matter how far we stray from the path, and descend into Hades...
...we will still find beautiful flowers blooming there...
...brightening the path at our feet.
You're like those elm trees.
SWISSSH

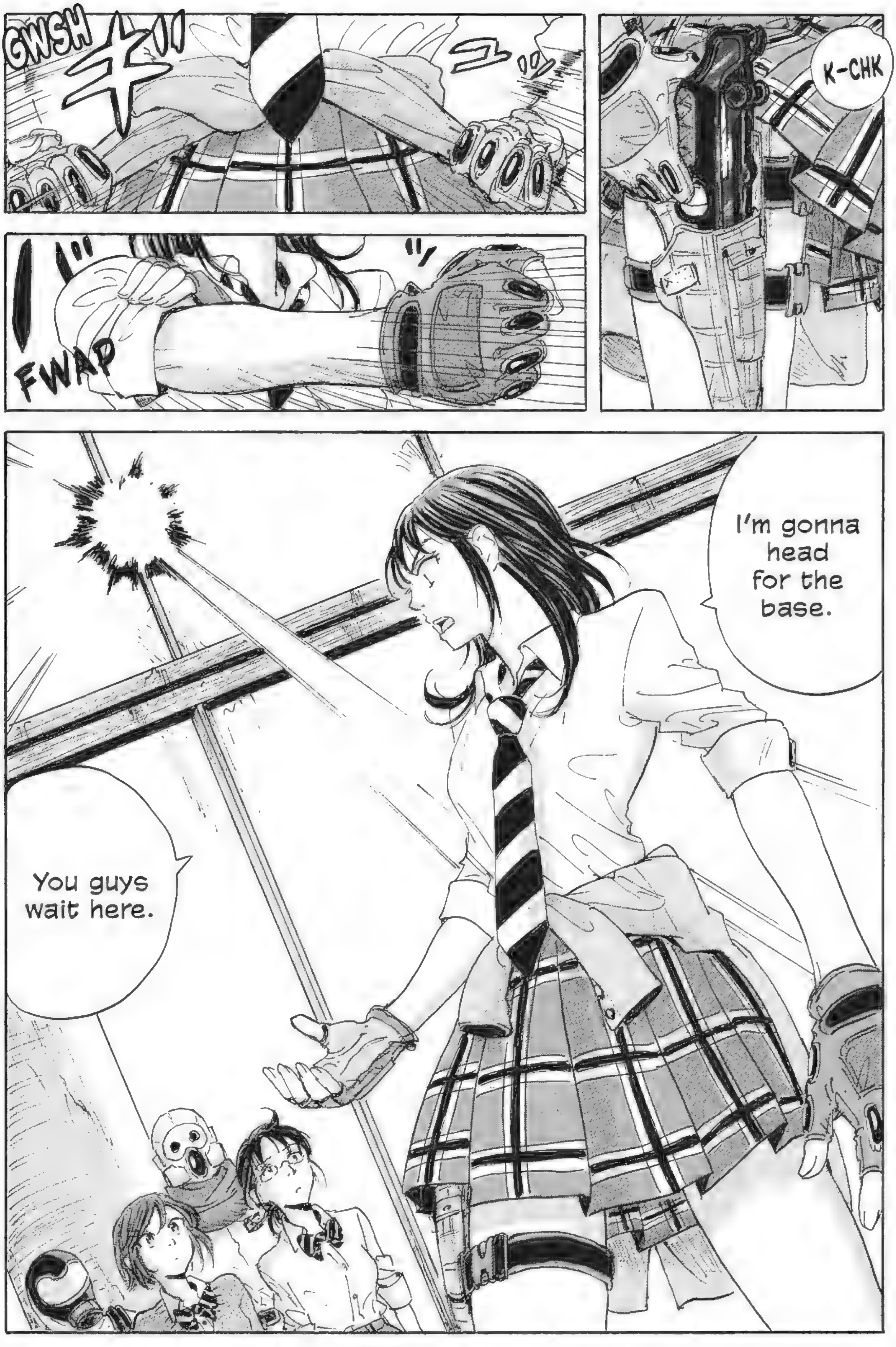

Standing nobly in the very face of death...

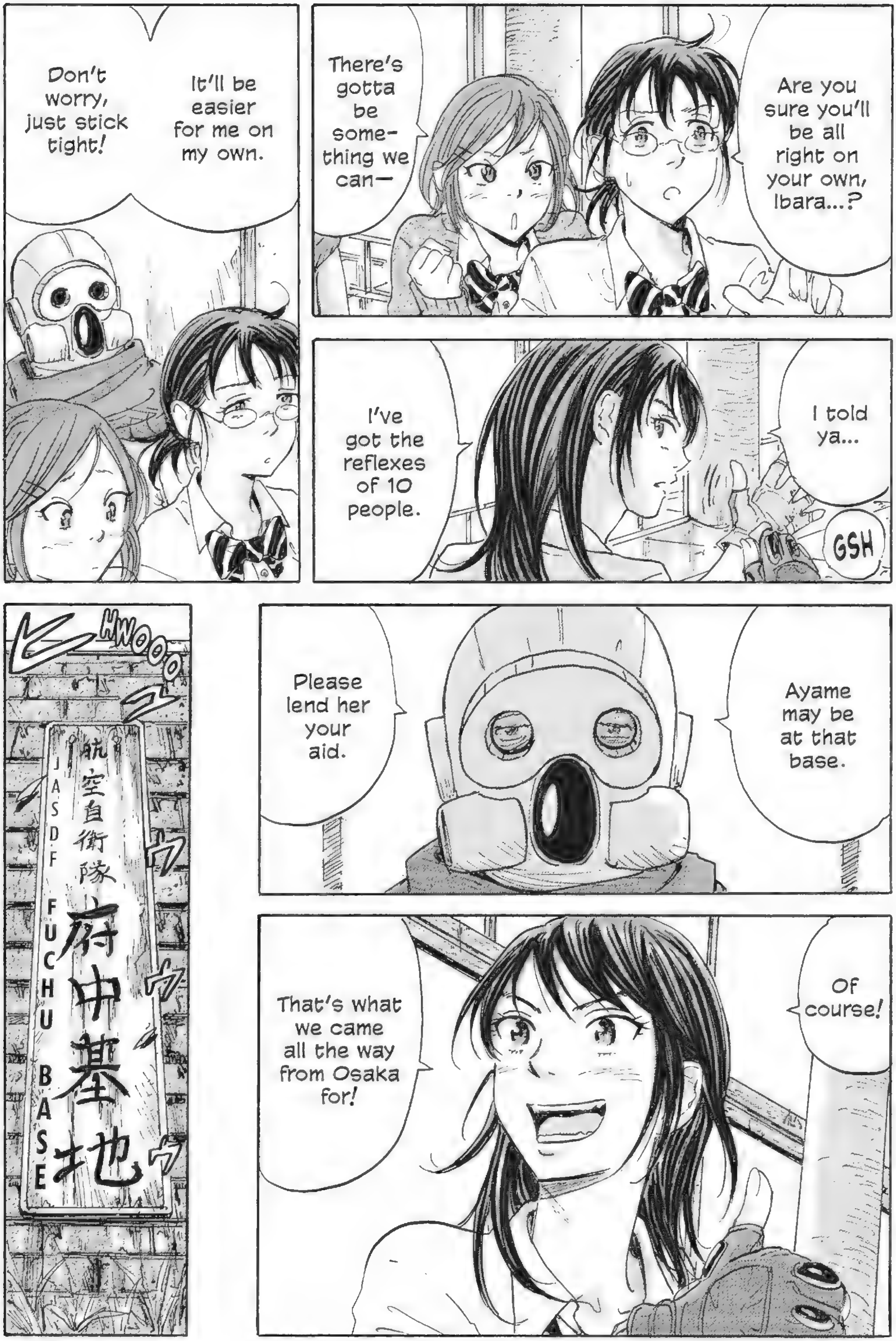

Ibara...!
I know what that "crow" is.
Oh!
Good job, Taeko!
So what is it, then?
It's a B-2 stealth jet.
A stealth bomber that isn't picked up by radar...
#15 END


COPPELION
コッペリオン #16
KAA
A stealth jet?!
Military aircraft?
What the heck's a military jet doin' *here*?
I don't know...
Oh!
It looks like it's been modified, but I'm sure it's a B-2 stealth bomber.
I learned to identify military aircraft in class.
What...?!
VWEEEN
It's circling to the east—
It's preparing to land!


But like...
...is there even a place to *land* in the forest?
Wait...
There is!
FLAP
The Japan Air Self-Defense Force Fuchu Base!
A JASDF base?!
But...
...I don't recall the JASDF owning any B-2s.


WHUP
WHUP
WHUP
WHUP
We don't!
ゴゴゴ
RRRM
Only the rich and bored can afford to build rubbish like that.
Japan doesn't have even one!
WHICH MEANS...
...THAT STEALTH JET IS AN INVADER!
An invader...
Who could it be?
That's what you'll be finding out...
Representative Naruse Ibara.
Figures...


GWSH
FWAP
K-CHK
I'm gonna head for the base.
You guys wait here.


Are you sure you'll be all right on your own, Ibara...?
There's gotta be something we can—
It'll be easier for me on my own.
Don't worry, just stick tight!
I told ya...
GSH
I've got the reflexes of 10 people.
Ayame may be at that base.
Please lend her your aid.
Of course!
That's what we came all the way from Osaka for!
HWOOOO
航空自衛隊
府中基地
JASDF FUCHU BASE
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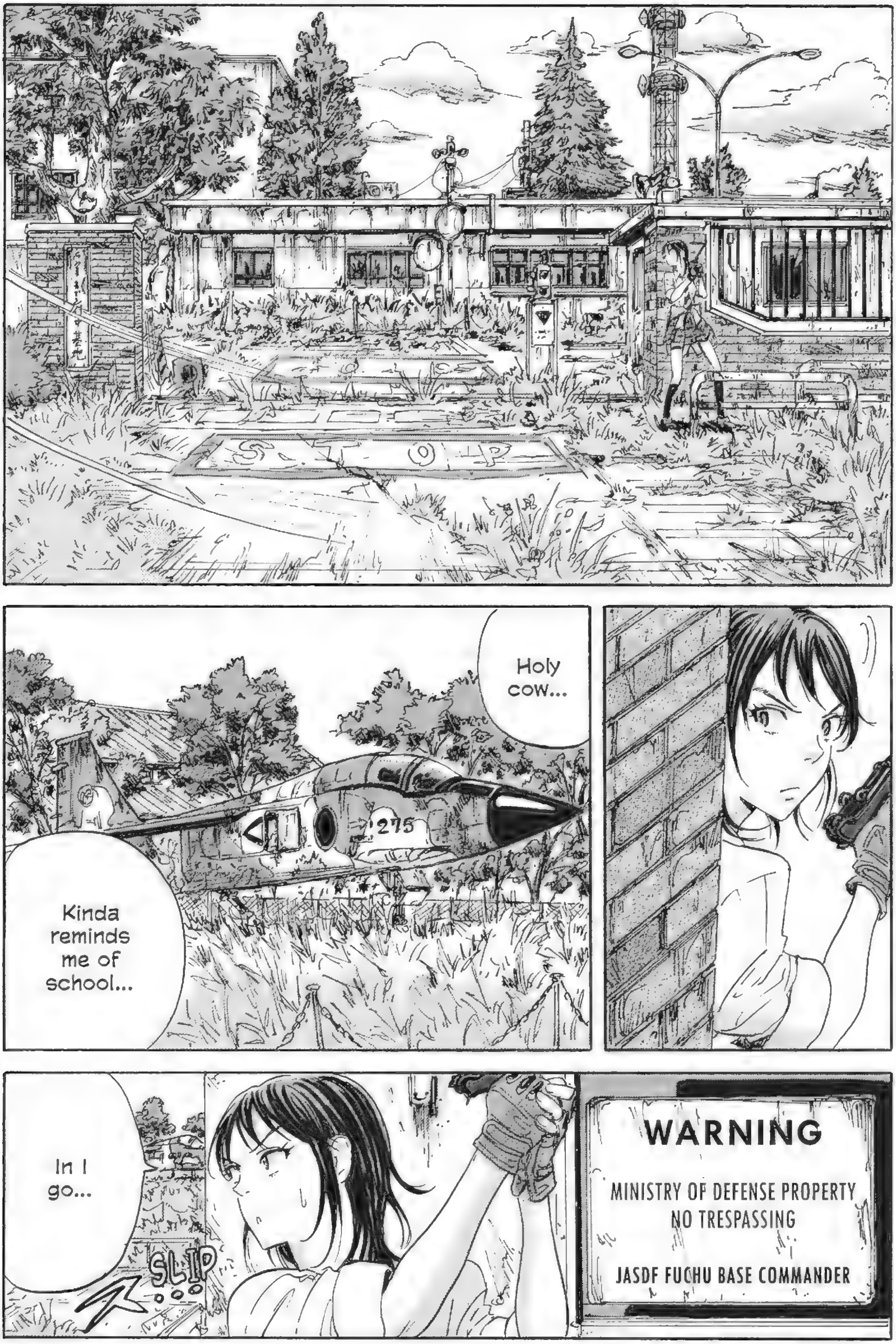
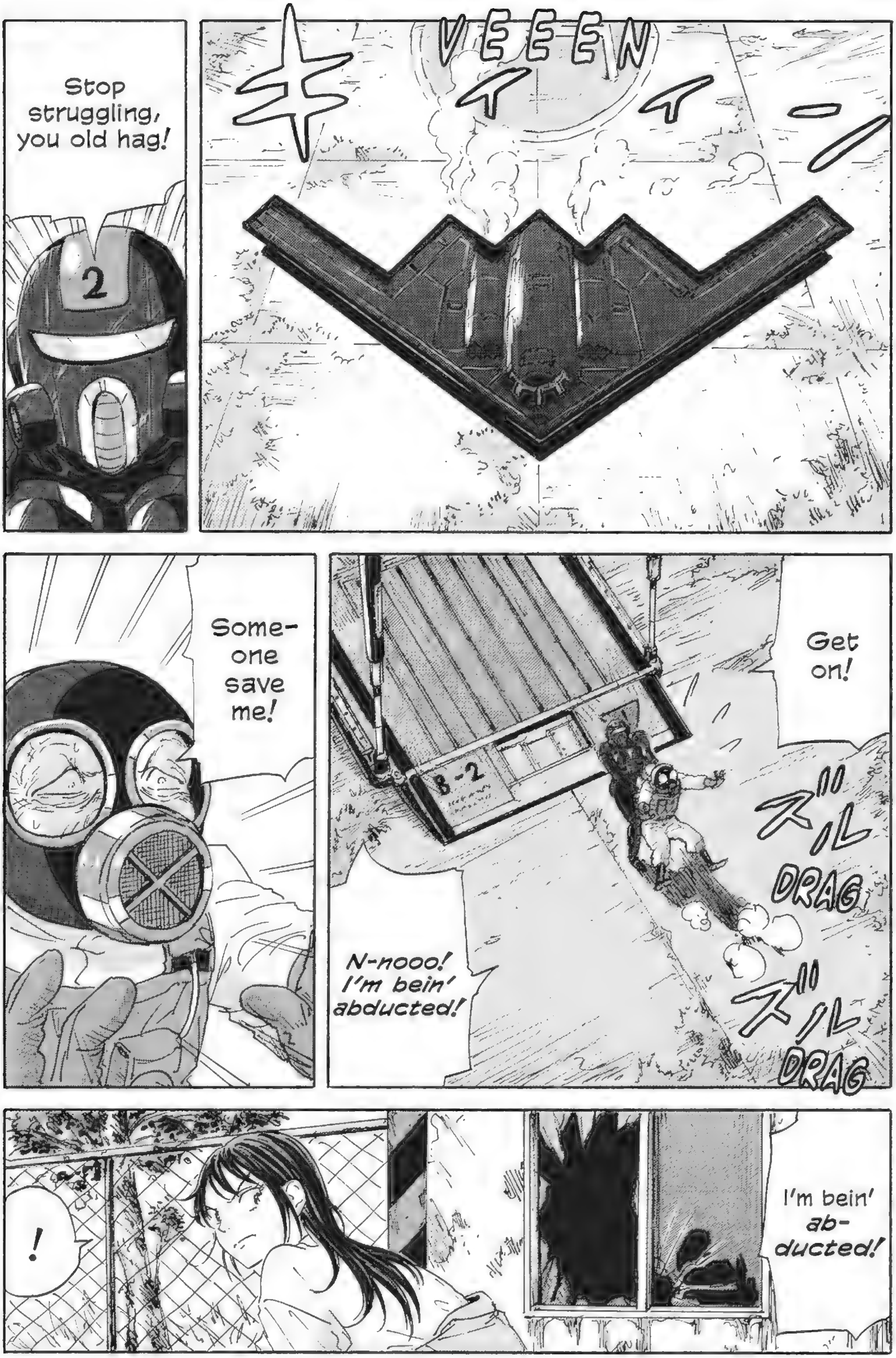
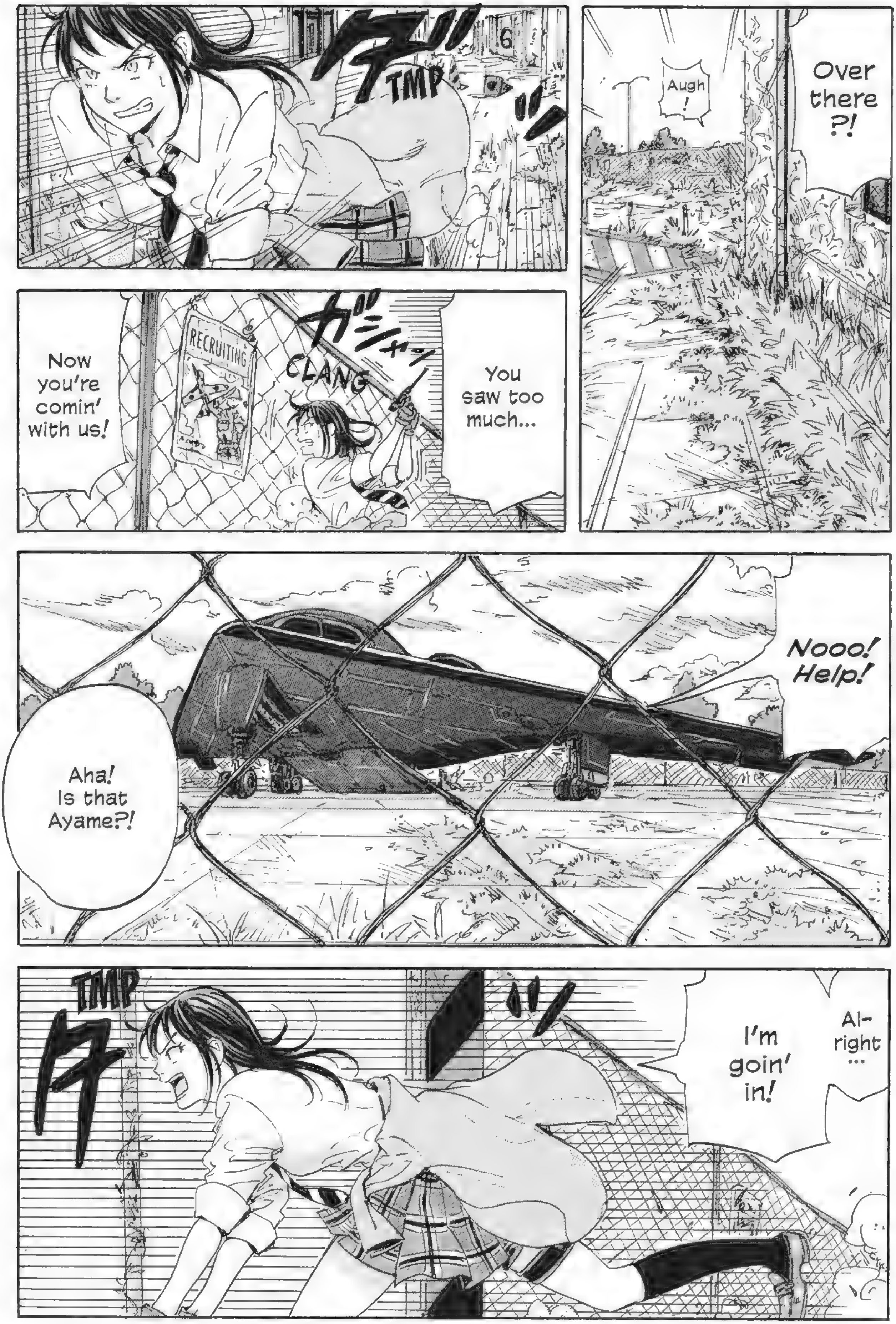
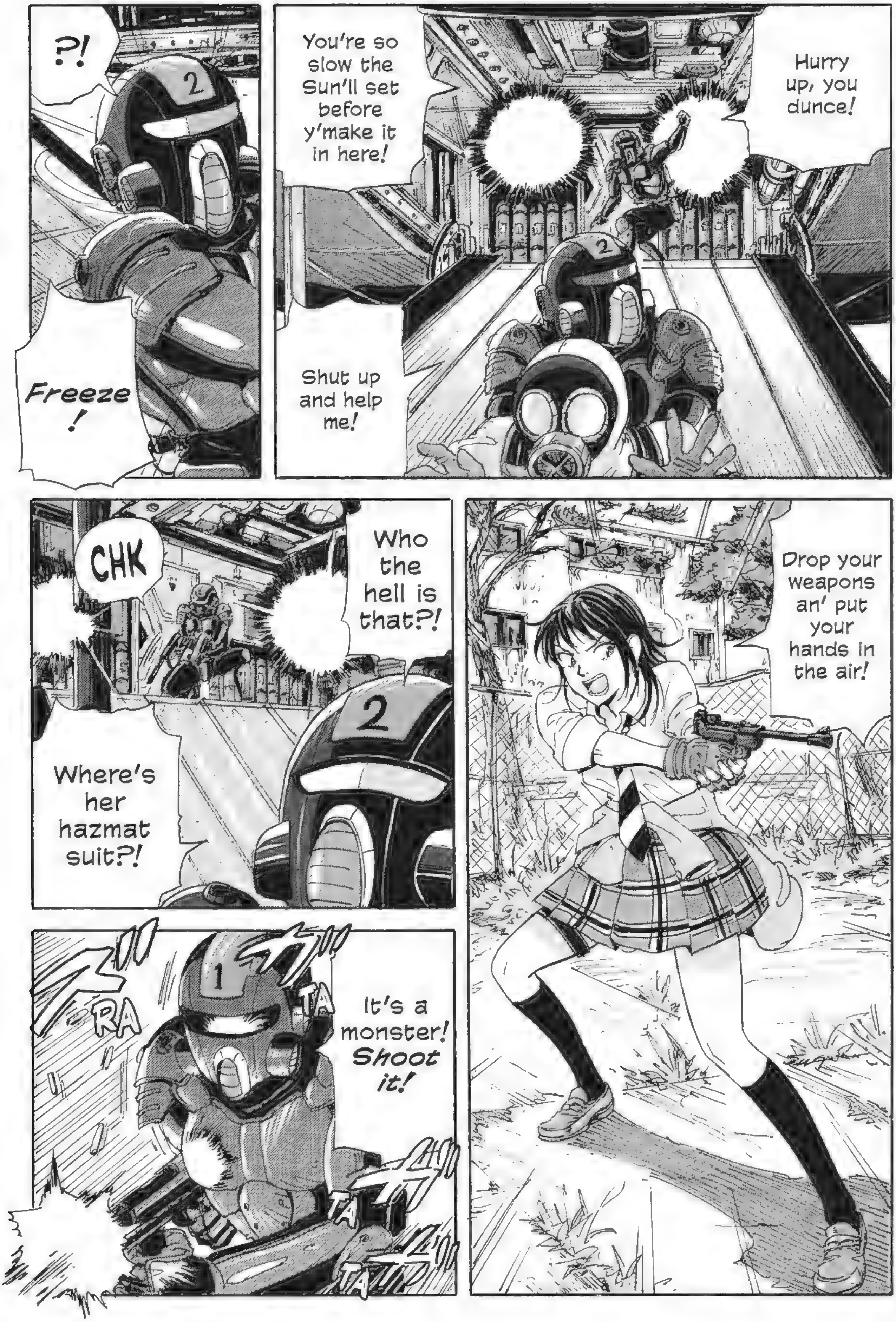
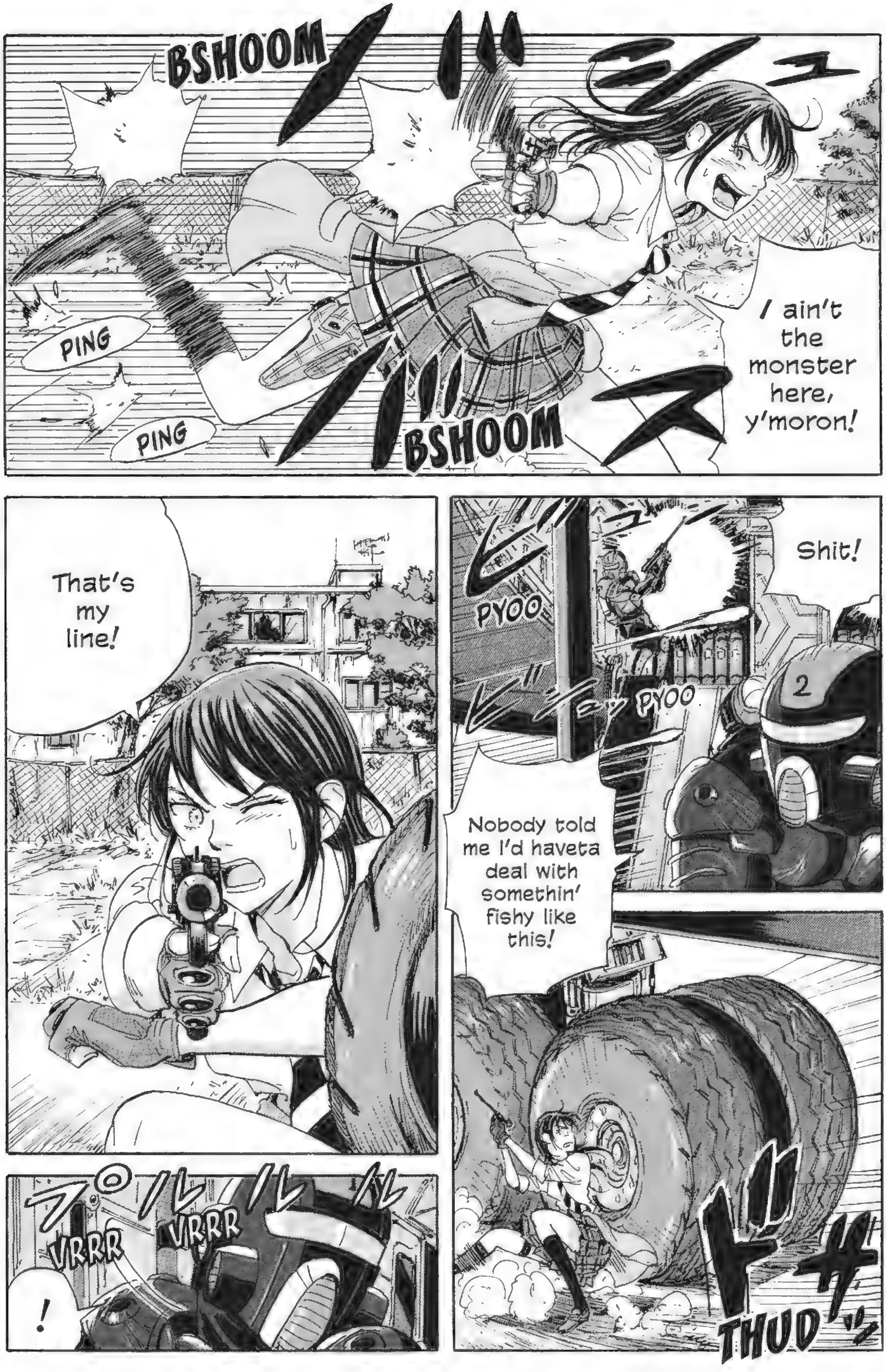
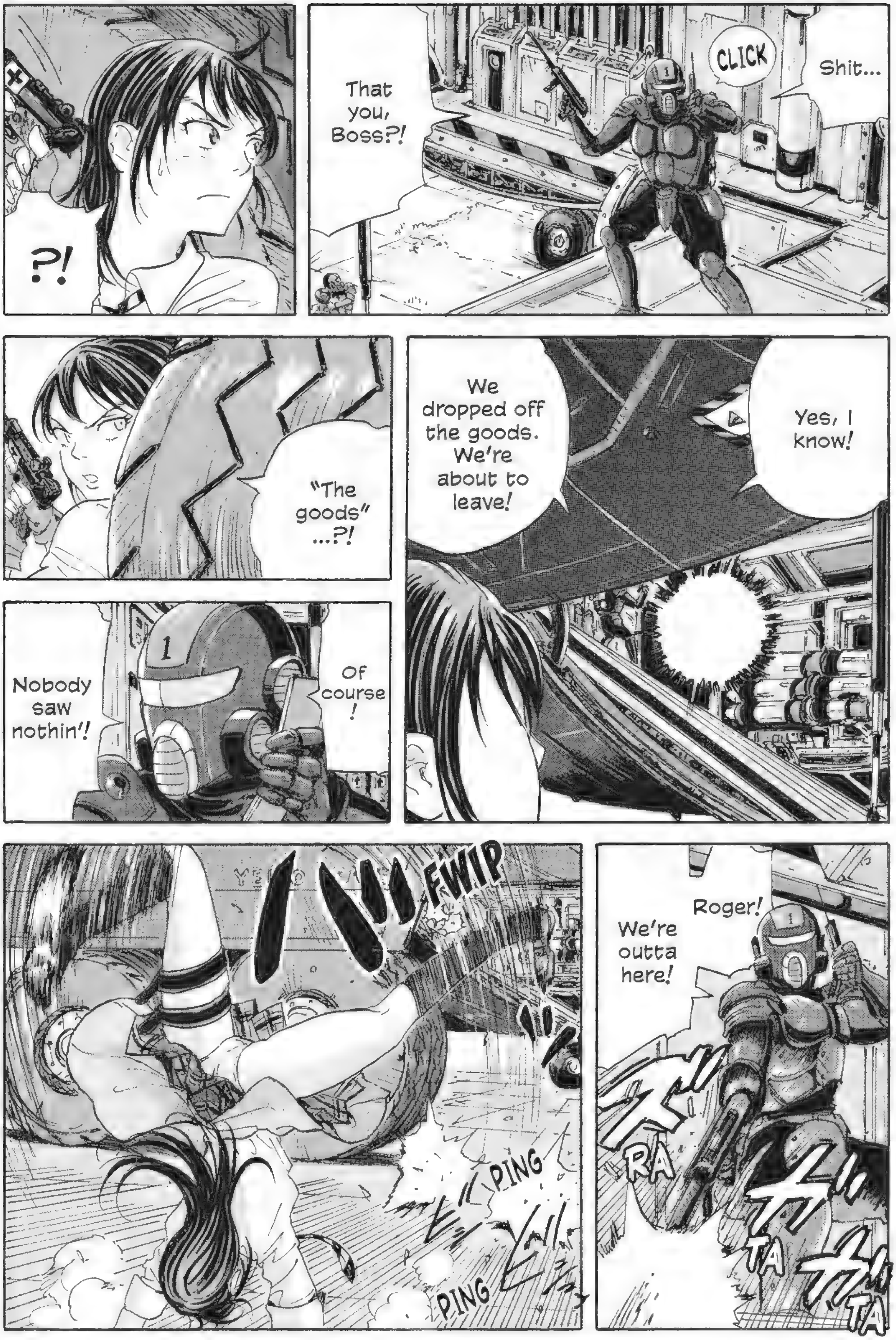

Holy cow...
Kinda reminds me of school...
WARNING
MINISTRY OF DEFENSE PROPERTY
NO TRESPASSING
JASDF FUCHU BASE COMMANDER
In I go...
SLIP

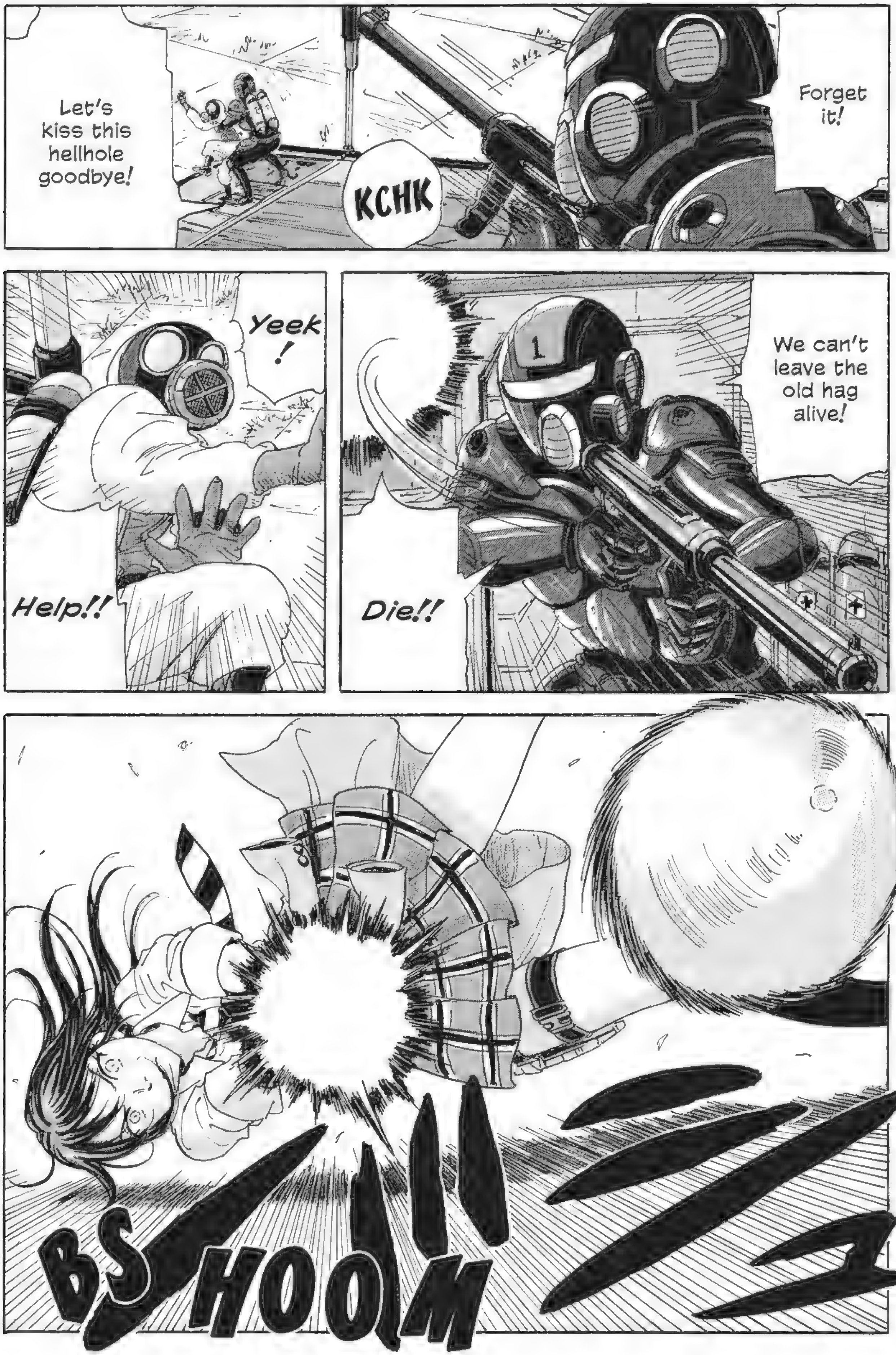

キイイーン
VEEEN
Stop struggling, you old hag!
Get on!
N-nooo! I'm bein' abducted!
ズル
DRAG
ズル
DRAG
Someone save me!
I'm bein' abducted!
!

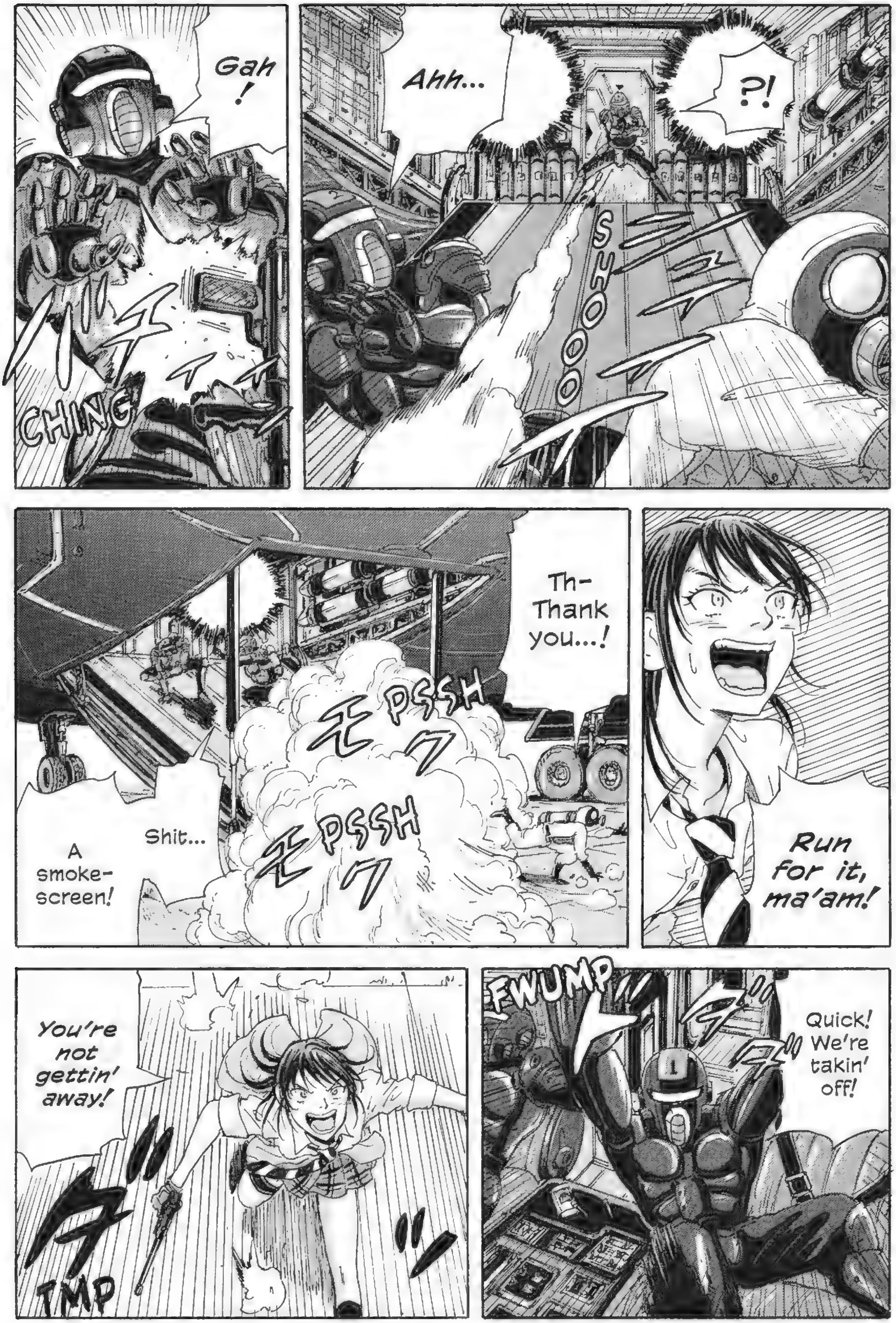

Over there?!
Augh!
TMP
You saw too much...
CLANG
Now you're comin' with us!
RECRUITING
Nooo! Help!
Aha! Is that Ayame?!
Al-right...
I'm goin' in!
TMP

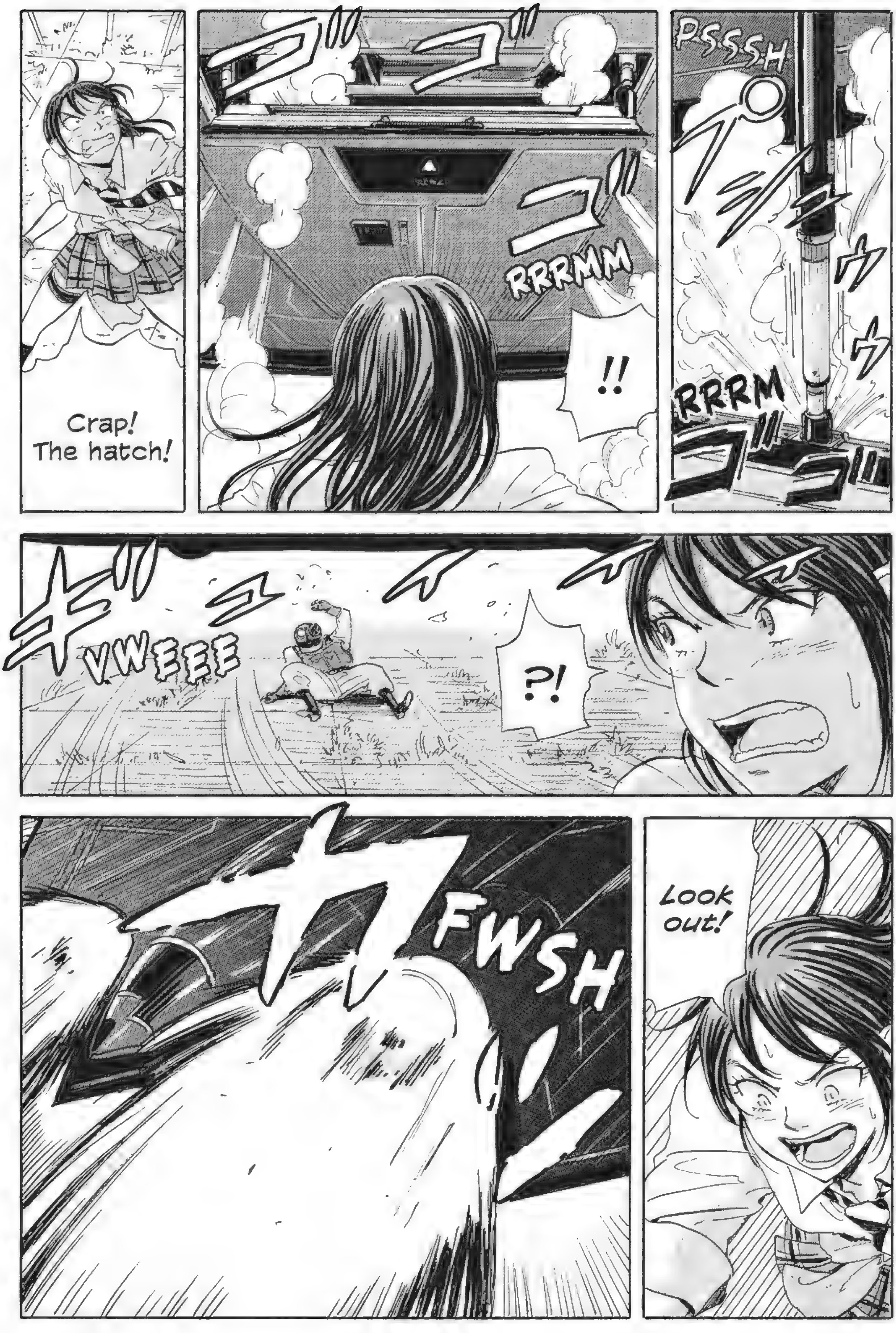

Hurry up, you dunce!
You're so slow the Sun'll set before y'make it in here!
Shut up and help me!
?!
Freeze!
Drop your weapons an' put your hands in the air!
Who the hell is that?!
CHK
Where's her hazmat suit?!
It's a monster! Shoot it!
RA
TA
TA
TA

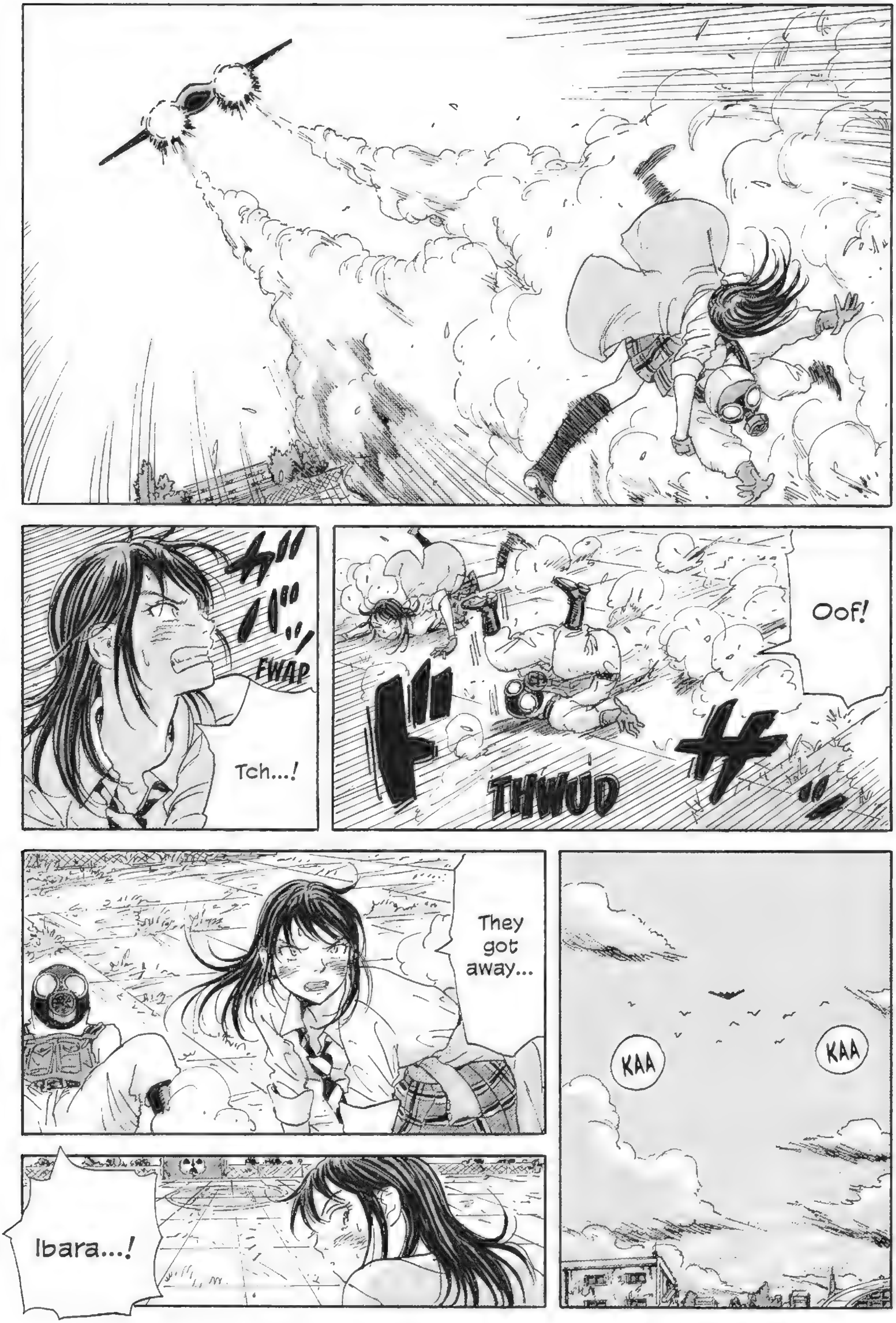

BSHOOM
PING
PING
BSHOOM
I ain't the monster here, y'moron!
PYOO
PYOO
Shit!
2
Nobody told me I'd haveta deal with somethin' fishy like this!
THUD
That's my line!
VRRR
VRRR
!

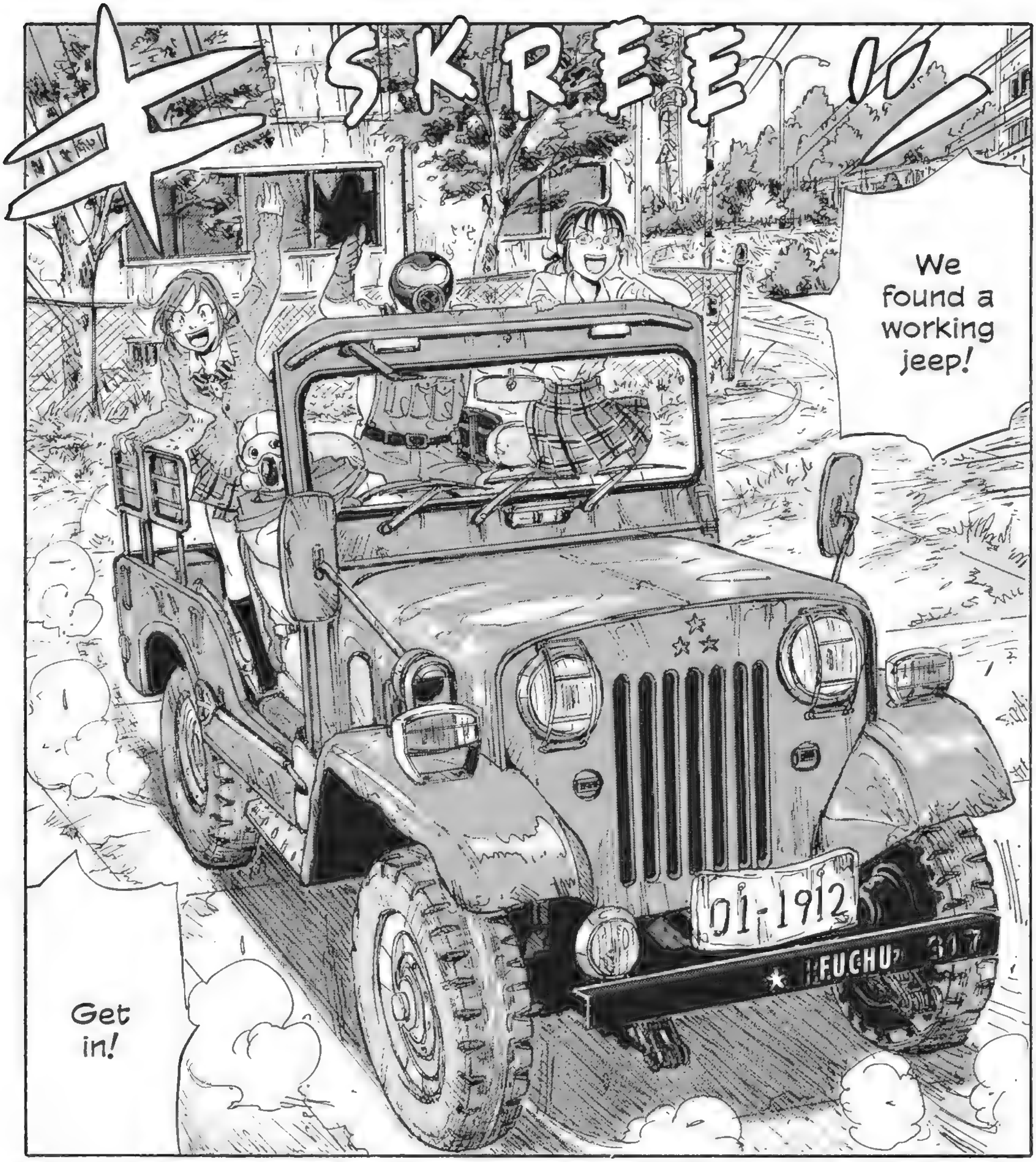

Shit...
CLICK
That you, Boss?!
?!
Yes, I know!
We dropped off the goods. We're about to leave!
"The goods" ...?!
Of course!
Nobody saw nothin'!
Roger!
We're outta here!
RA TA TA TA
FWIP
PING
PING

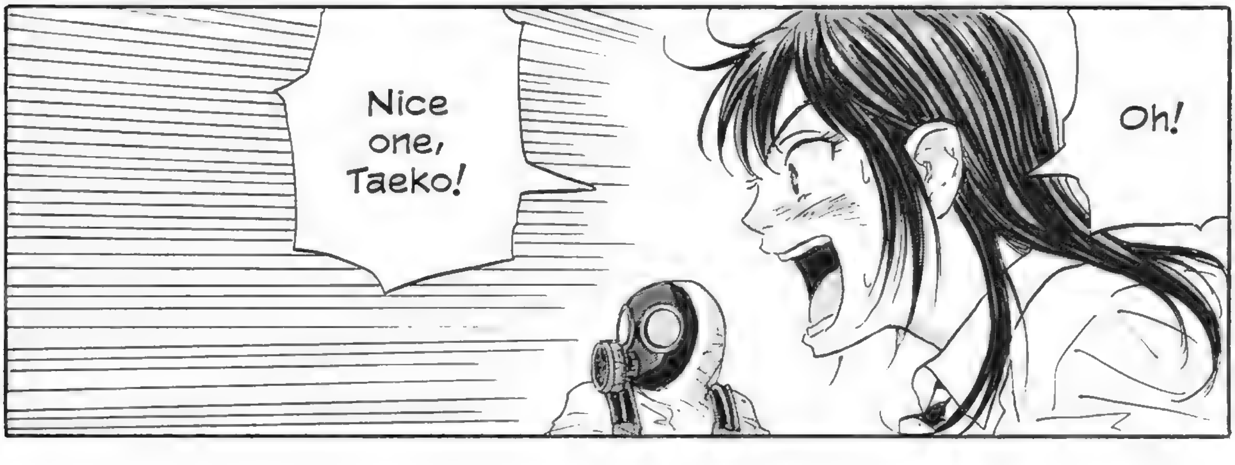

Let's kiss this hellhole goodbye!
Forget it!
KCHK
Yeek!
Help!!
We can't leave the old hag alive!
Die!!
BSHOOM

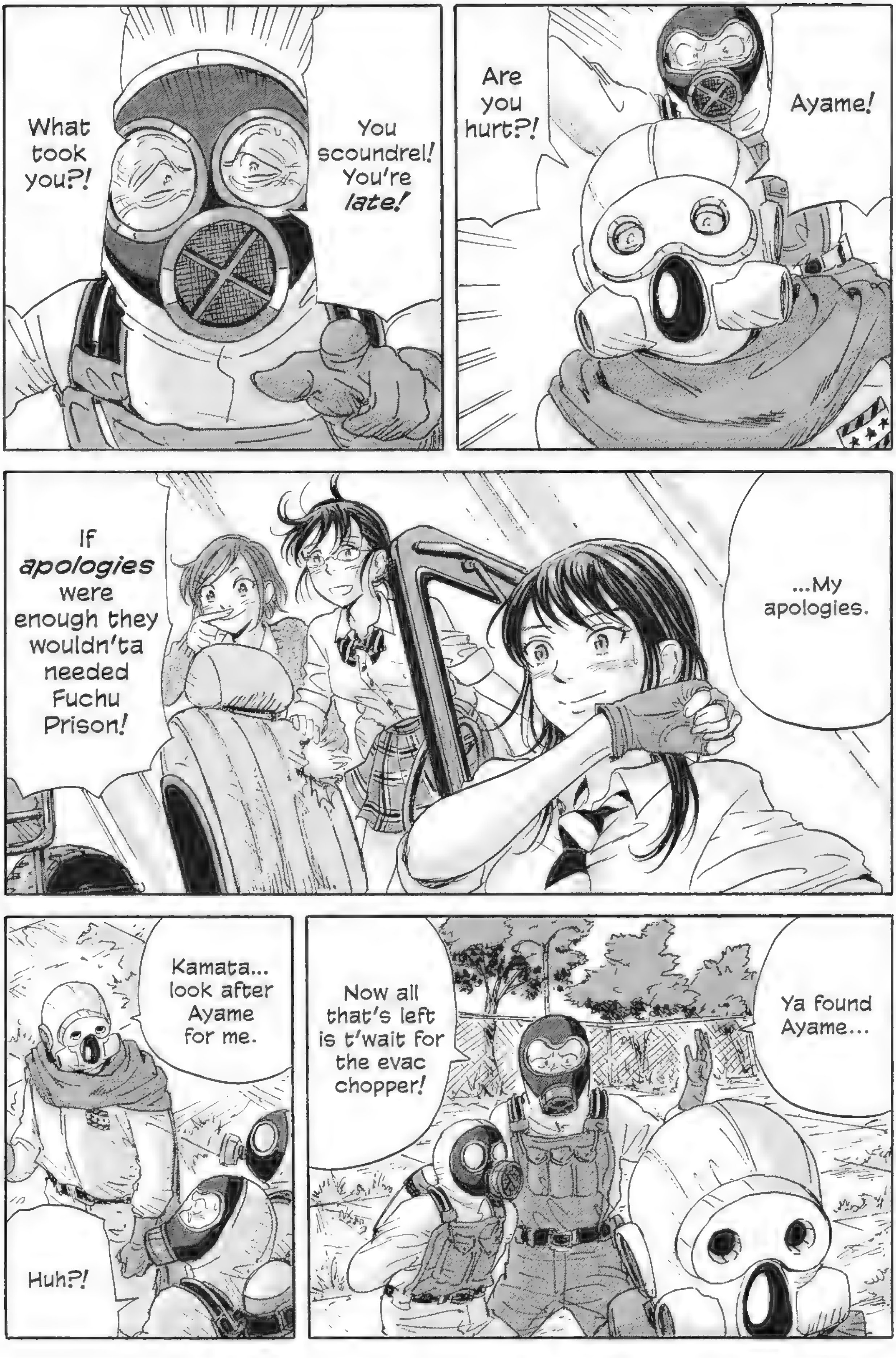

?!
Ahh...
SHOOOO
Gah!
CHING
Run for it, ma'am!
Th- Thank you...!
PSSH
PSSH
Shit...
A smoke-screen!
Quick! We're takin' off!
FWUMP
You're not gettin' away!
TMP

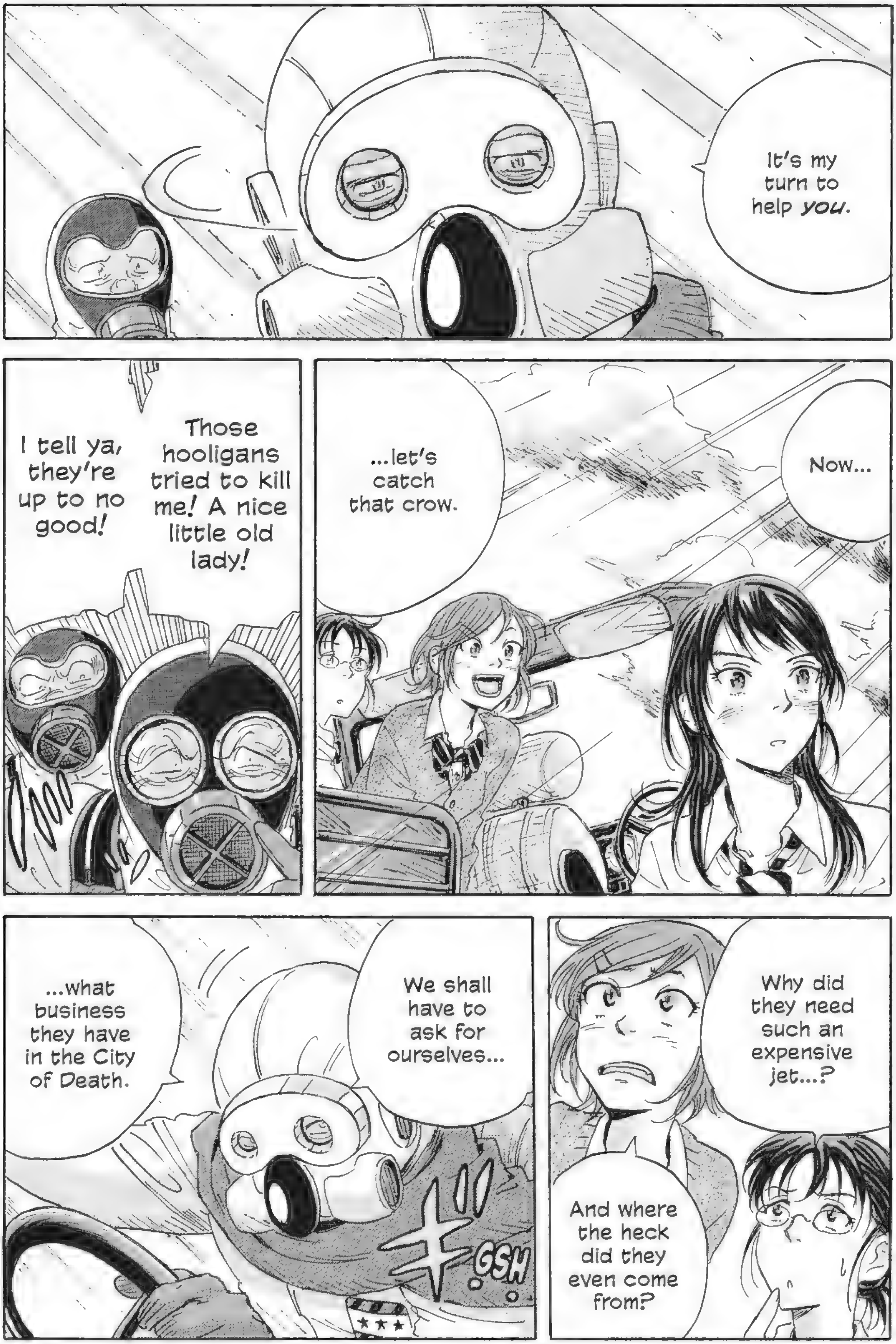

PSSSH
RRRM
RRRMM
!!
Crap! The hatch!
?!
VWEEE
Look out!
FWSH

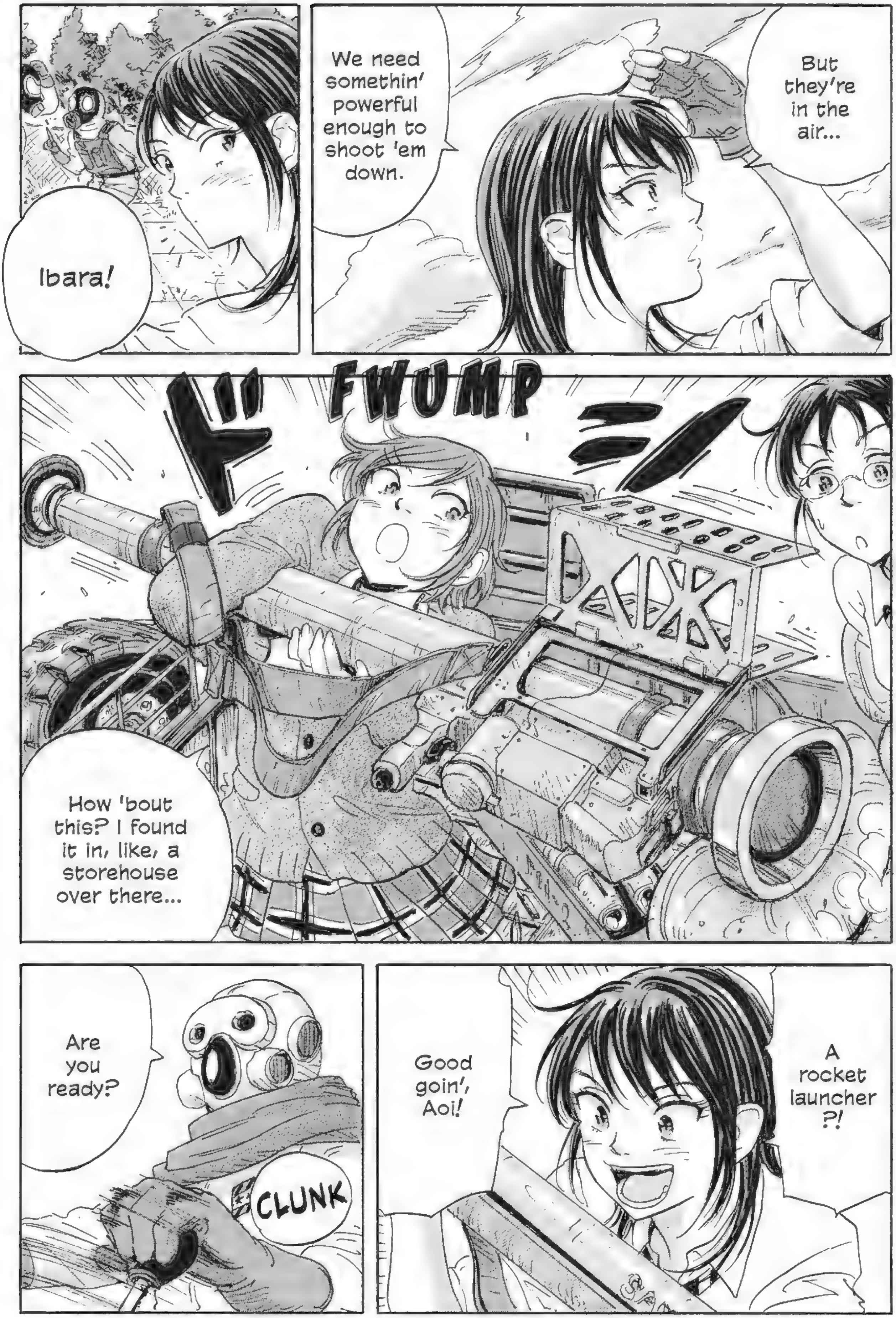

Oof!
THWUD
Tch...!
FWAP
KAA
KAA
They got away...
Ibara...!

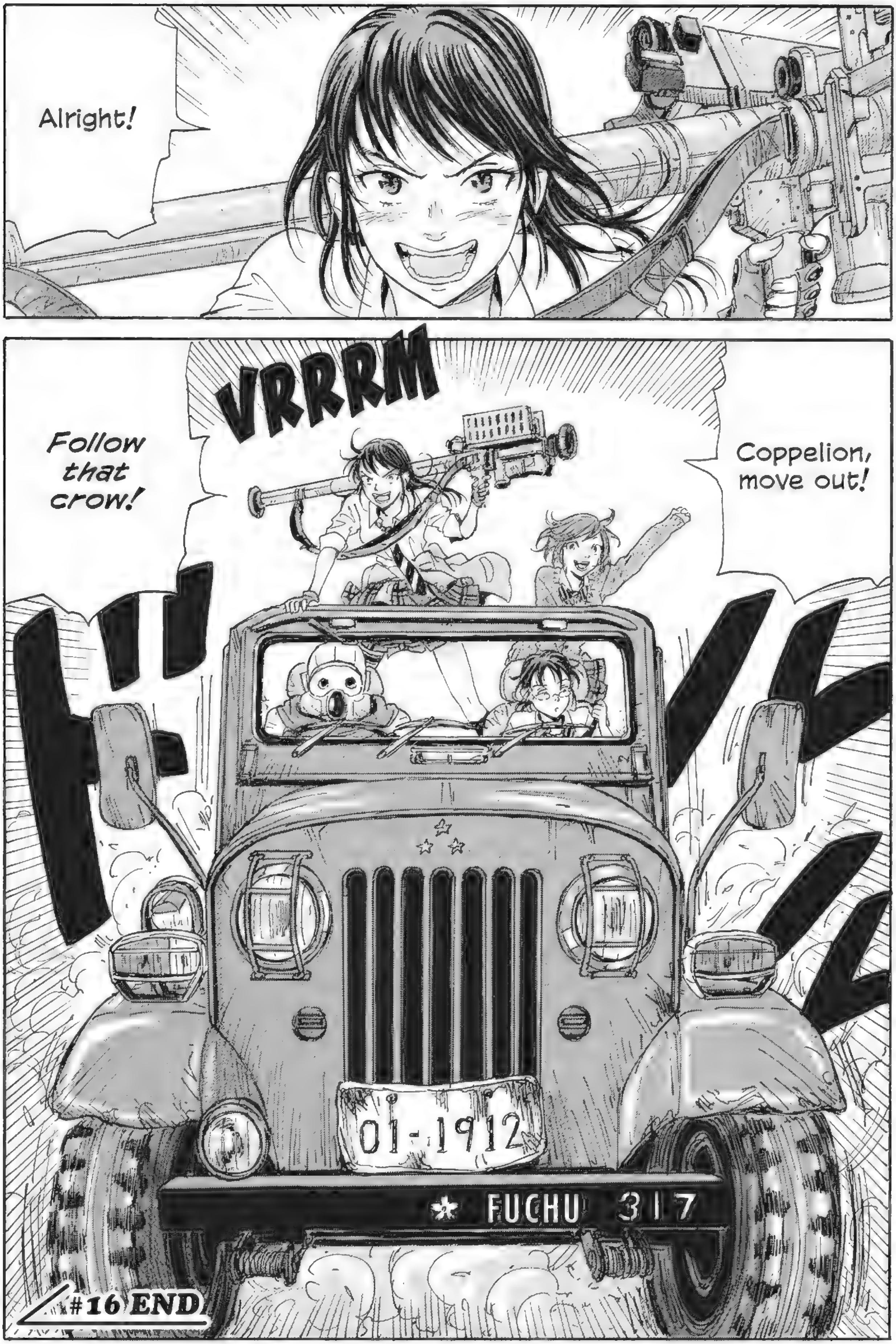

SKREE!!
We found a working jeep!
Get in!
01-1912
FUCHU 317

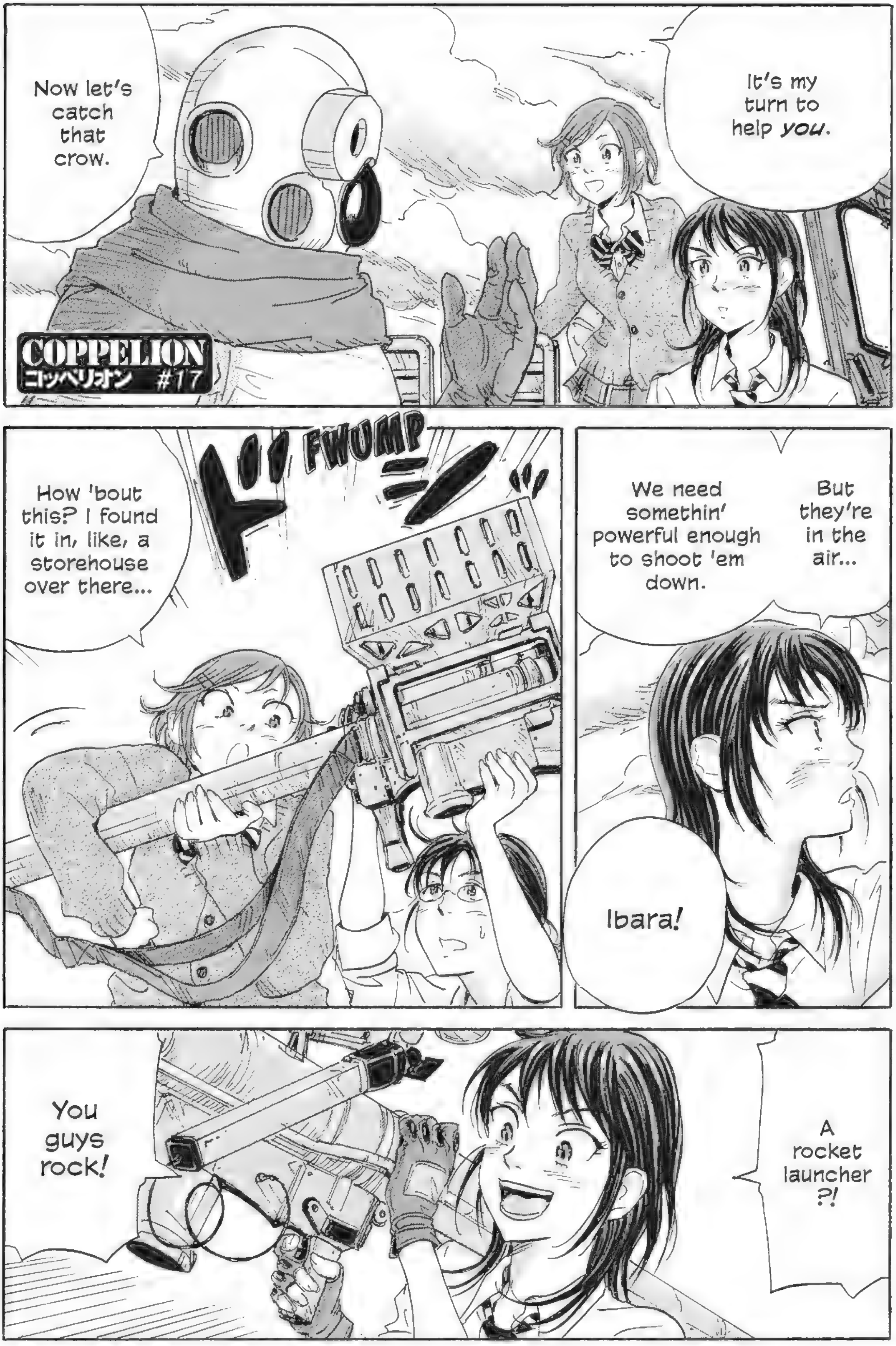

Oh!
Nice one, Taeko!

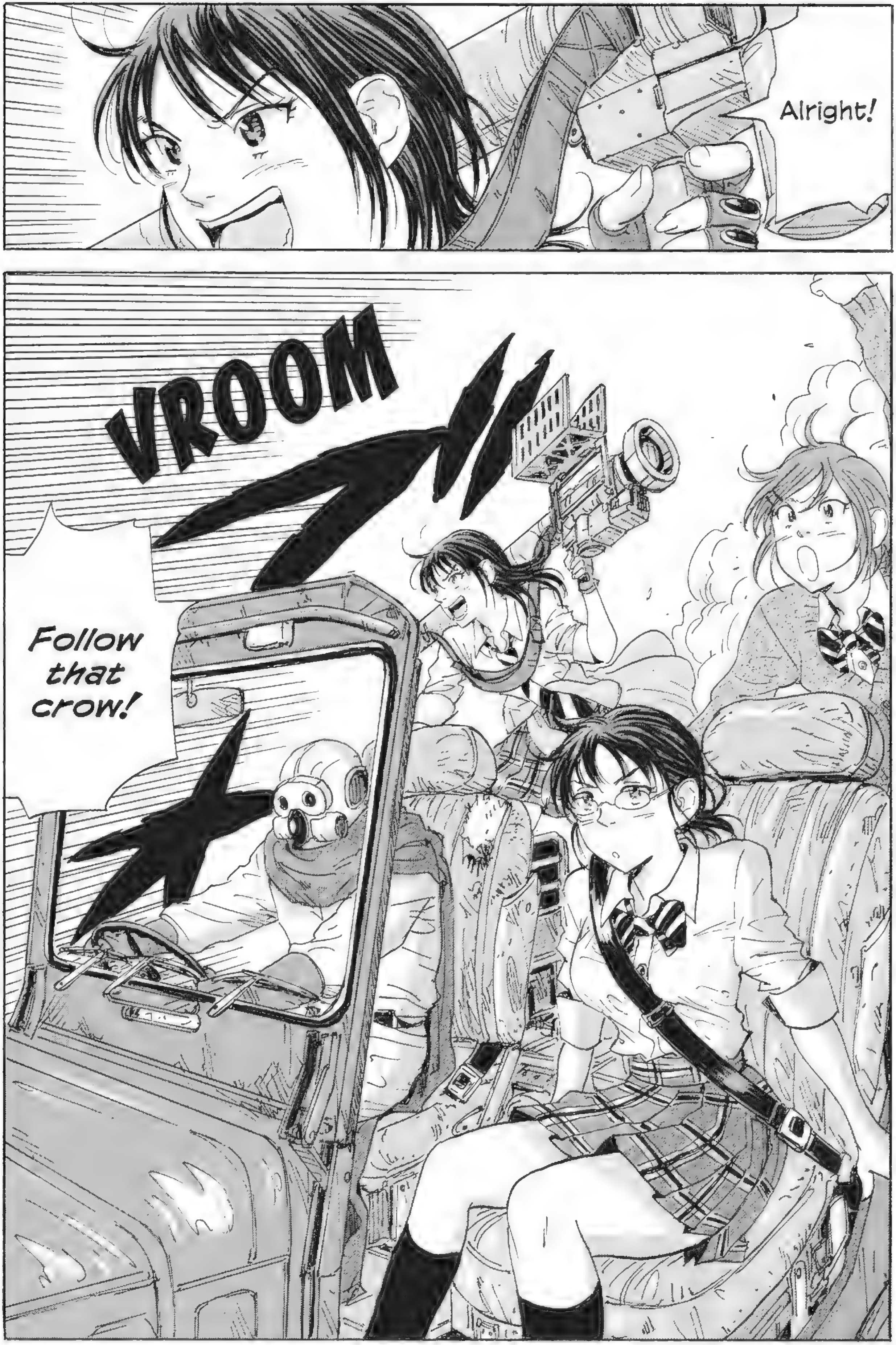

Ayame!
Are you hurt?!
You scoundrel! You're *late!*
What took you?!
...My apologies.
If *apologies* were enough they wouldn'ta needed Fuchu Prison!
Ya found Ayame...
Now all that's left is t'wait for the evac chopper!
Kamata... look after Ayame for me.
Huh?!

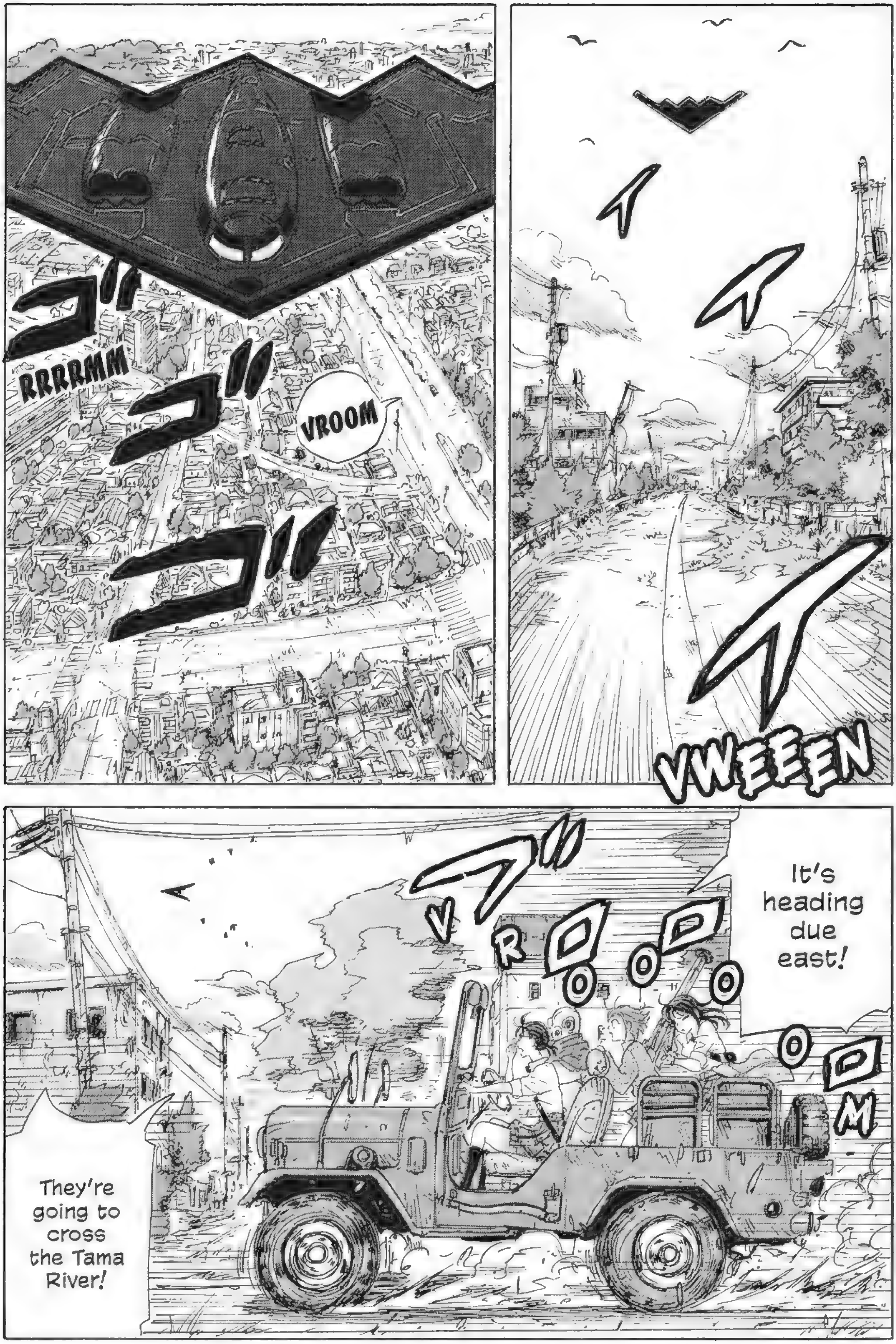

It's my turn to help *you*.
Now...
...let's catch that crow.
Those hooligans tried to kill me! A nice little old lady!
I tell ya, they're up to no good!
Why did they need such an expensive jet...?
And where the heck did they even come from?
We shall have to ask for ourselves...
...what business they have in the City of Death.
GSH


But they're in the air...
We need somethin' powerful enough to shoot 'em down.
Ibara!
FWUMP
How 'bout this? I found it in, like, a storehouse over there...
A rocket launcher?!
Good goin', Aoi!
Are you ready?
CLUNK


Alright!
Coppelion, move out!
VRRRM
Follow that crow!
01-1912
FUCHU 317
#16 END


It's my turn to help *you*.
Now let's catch that crow.
COPPELION
コッペリオン #17
But they're in the air...
We need somethin' powerful enough to shoot 'em down.
Ibara!
ド FWUMP
How 'bout this? I found it in, like, a storehouse over there...
A rocket launcher?!
You guys rock!


Alright!
VROOM
Follow that crow!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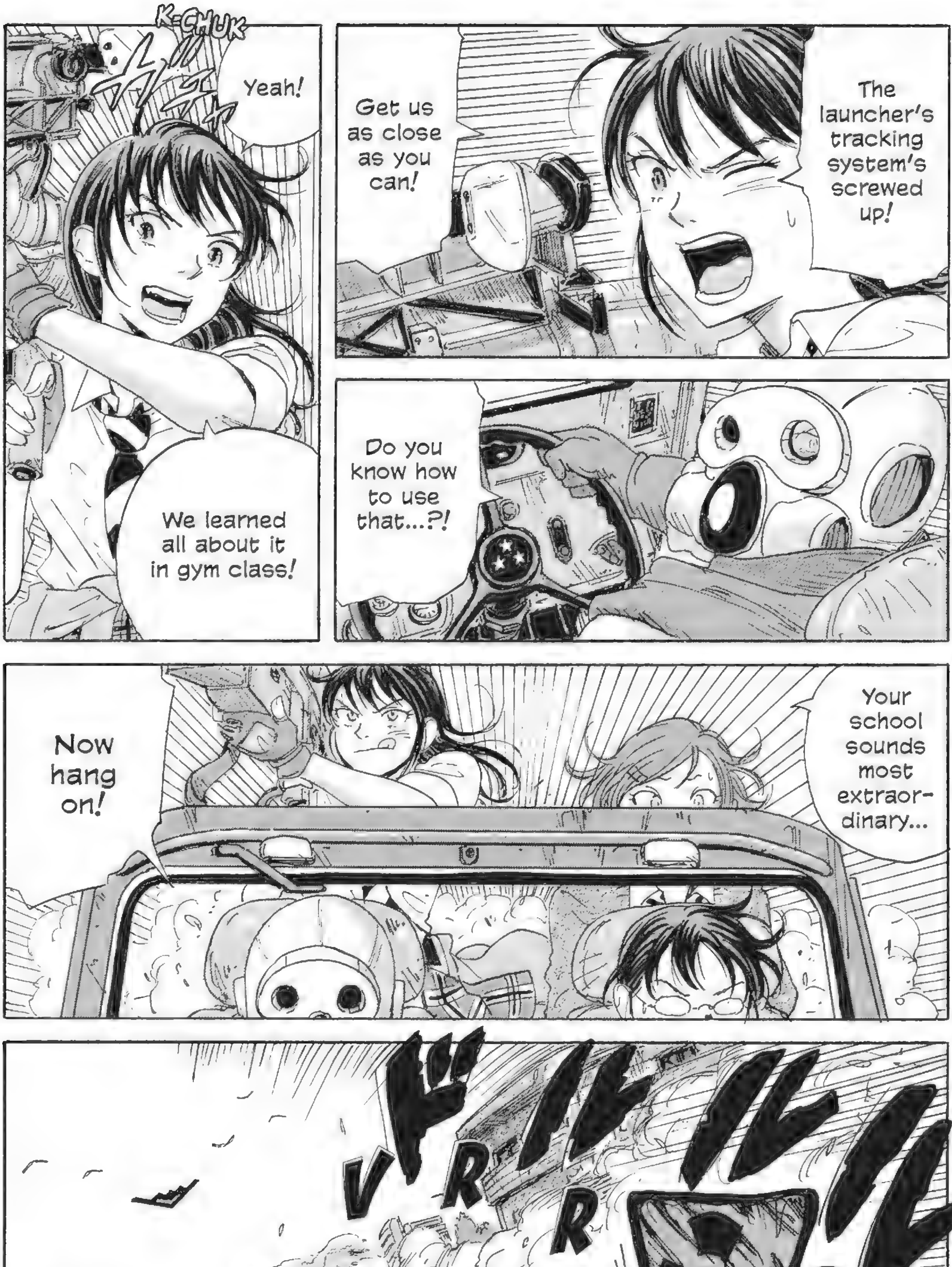
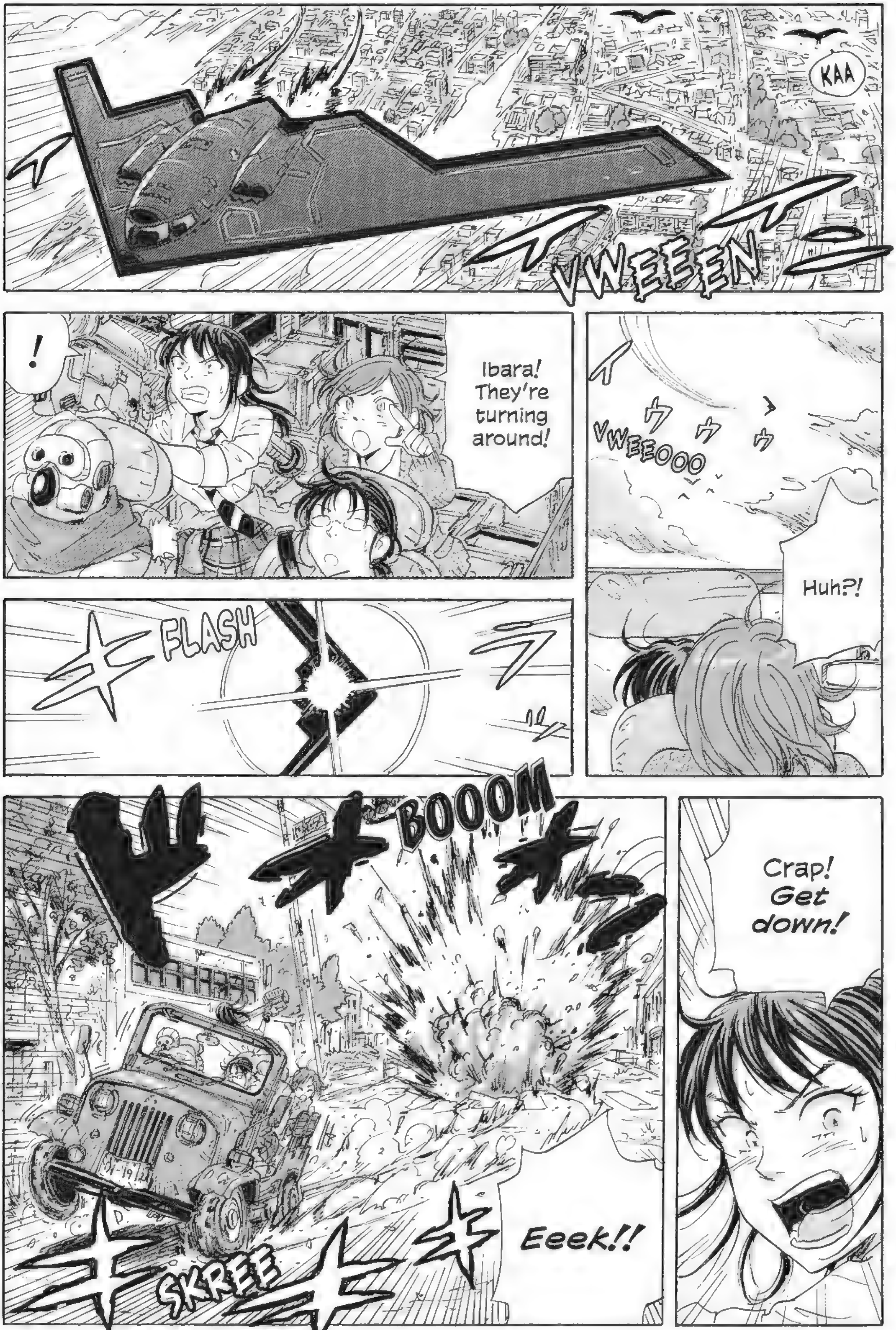
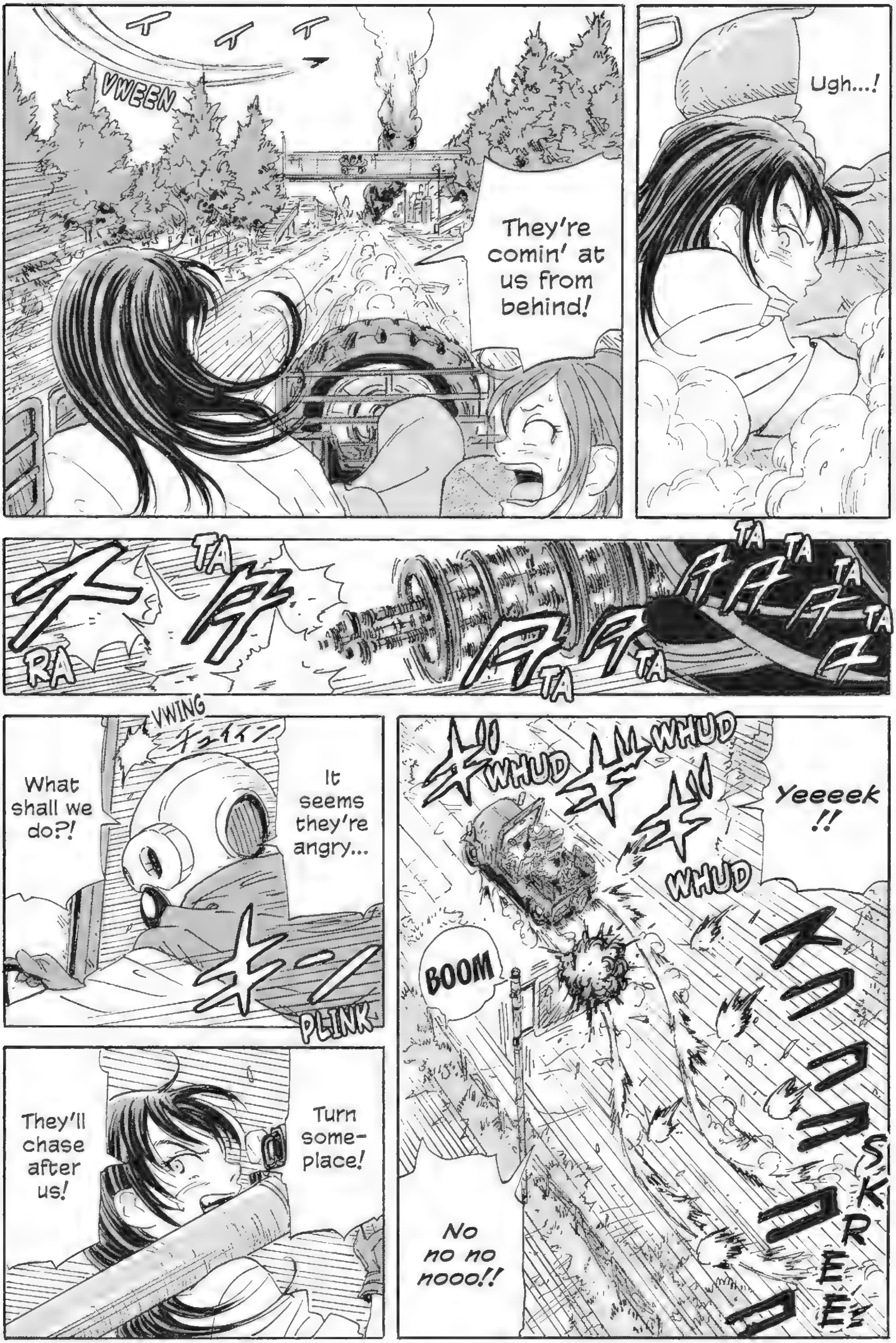
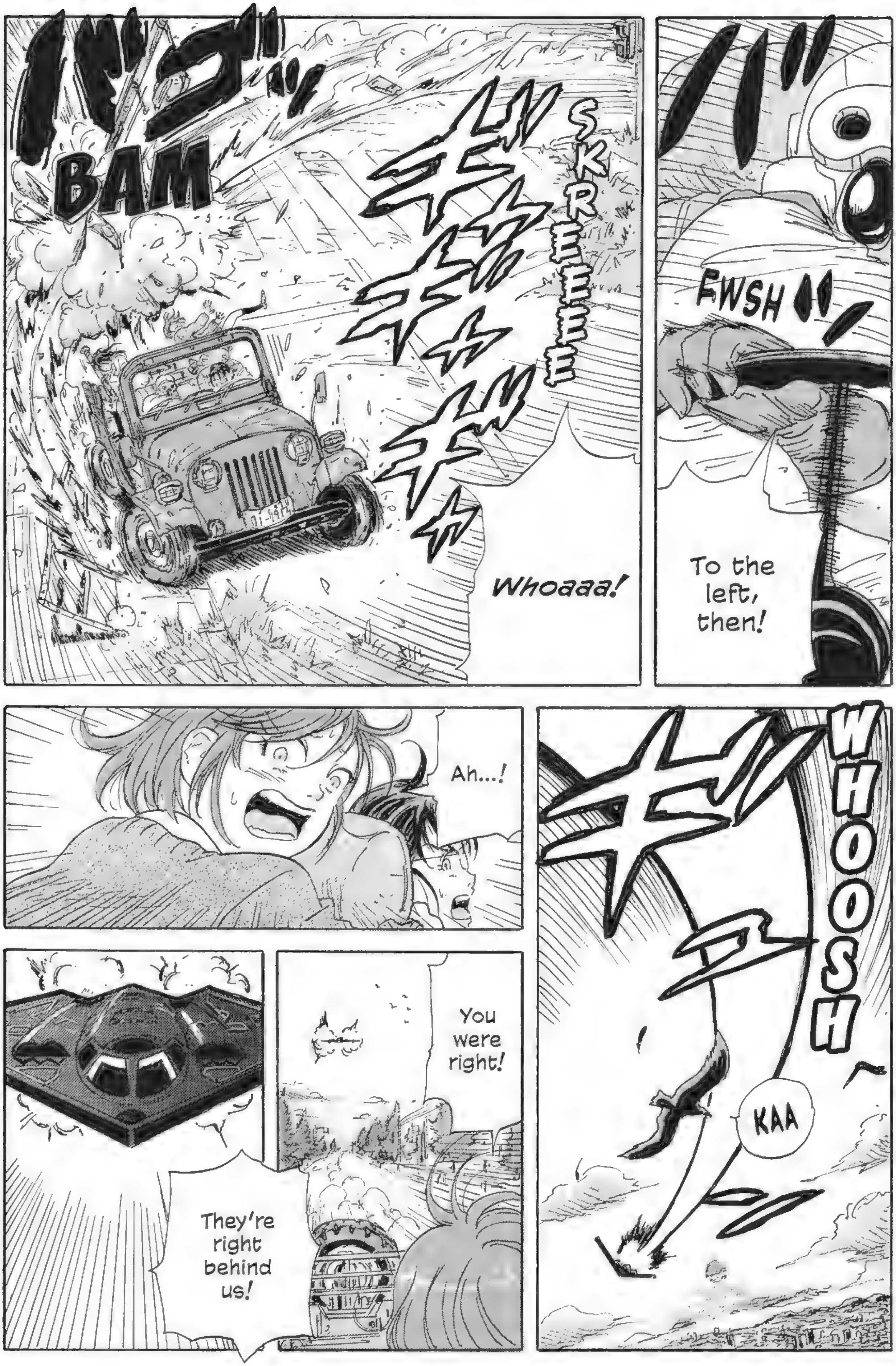
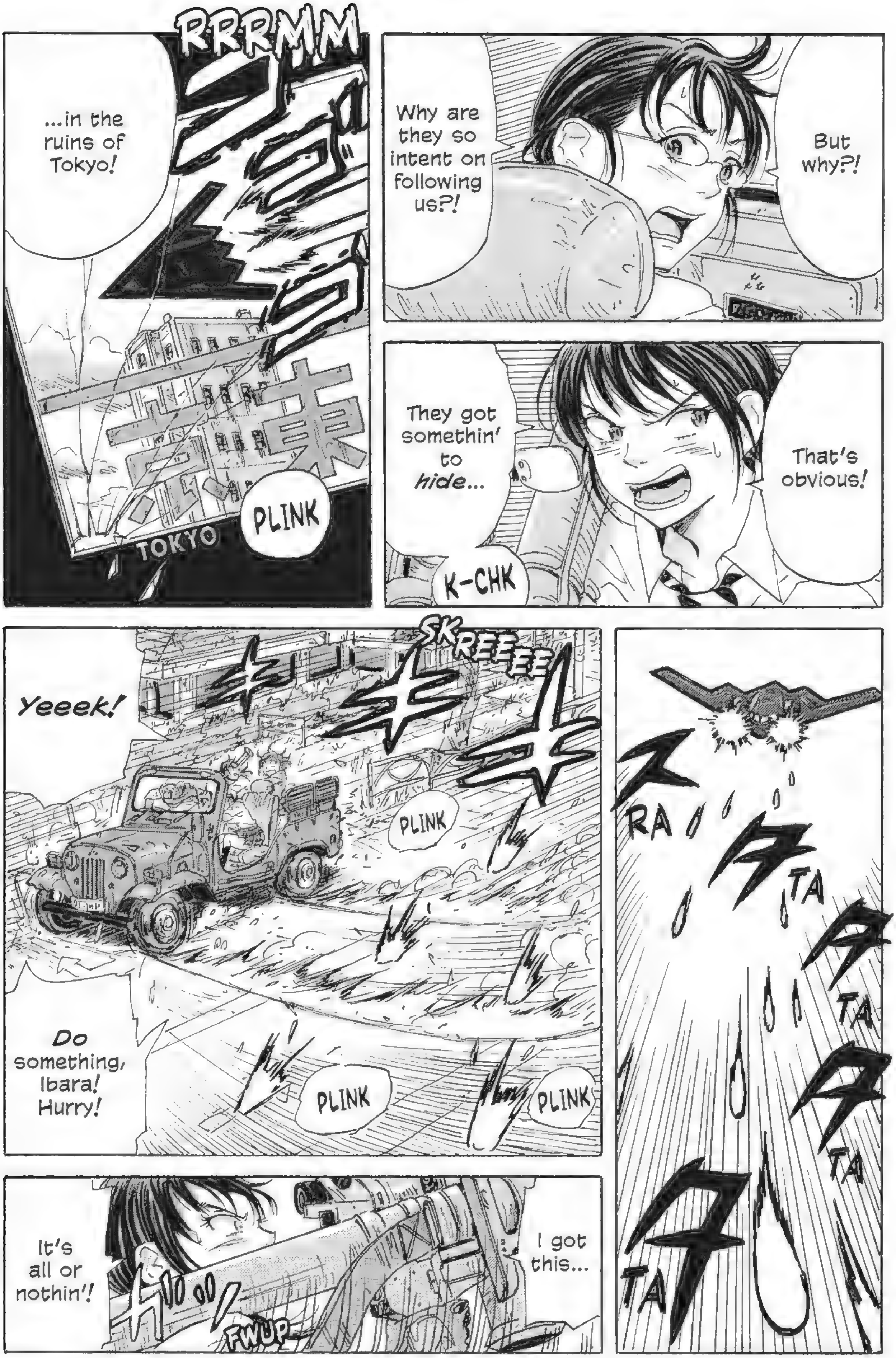
VWEEEN
ゴゴゴ
RRRRMM
VROOM
It's heading due east!
ブ
VROOOOOOOM
They're going to cross the Tama River!

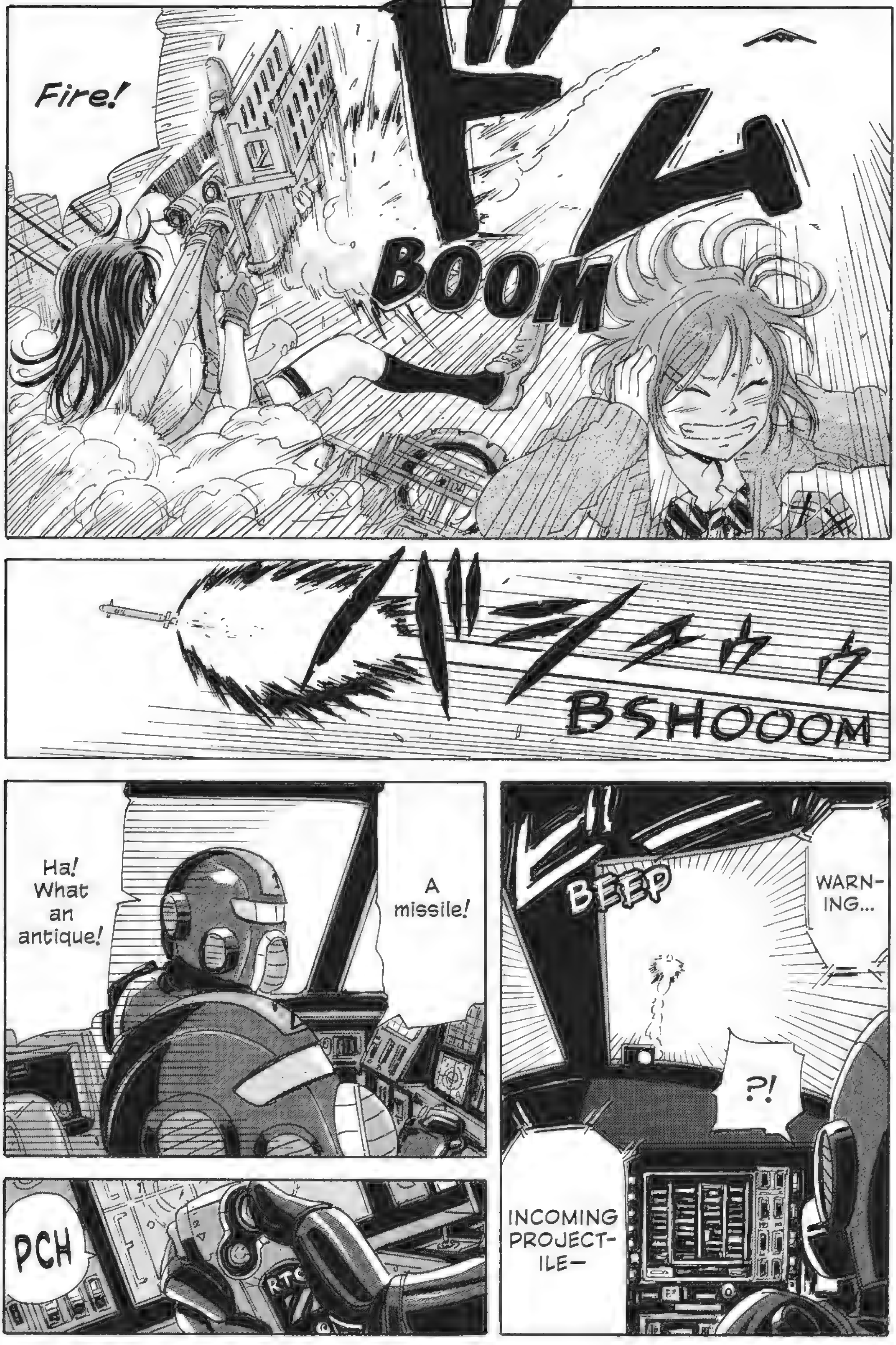

The launcher's tracking system's screwed up!
Get us as close as you can!
Do you know how to use that...?!
K-CHUK
Yeah!
We learned all about it in gym class!
Your school sounds most extraordinary...
Now hang on!
VRRRRM

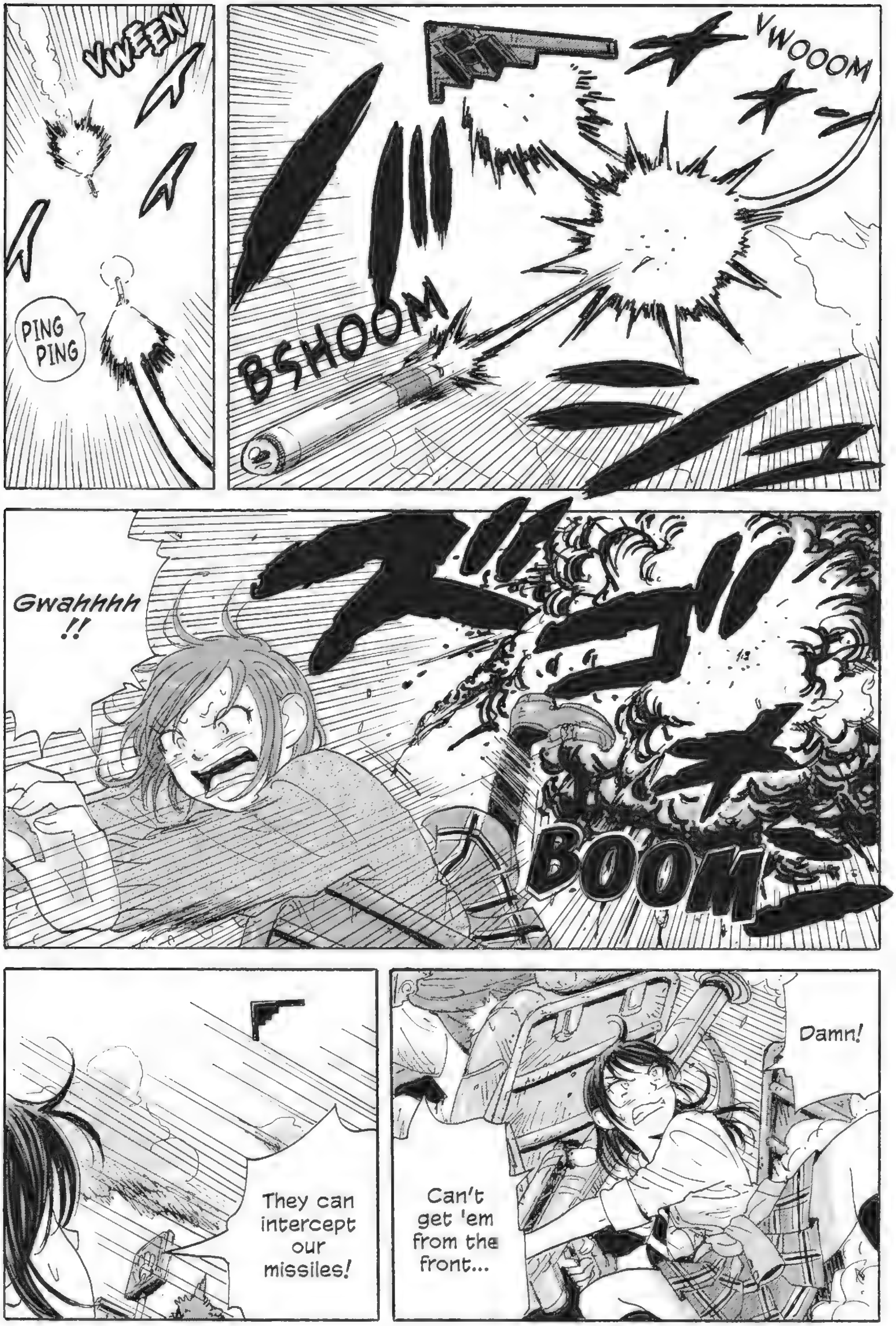

KAA
VWEEEN
ウ ウ ウ
VWEEOOO
!
Ibara! They're turning around!
Huh?!
FLASH
Crap! Get down!
BOOOM
Eeek!!
SKREE

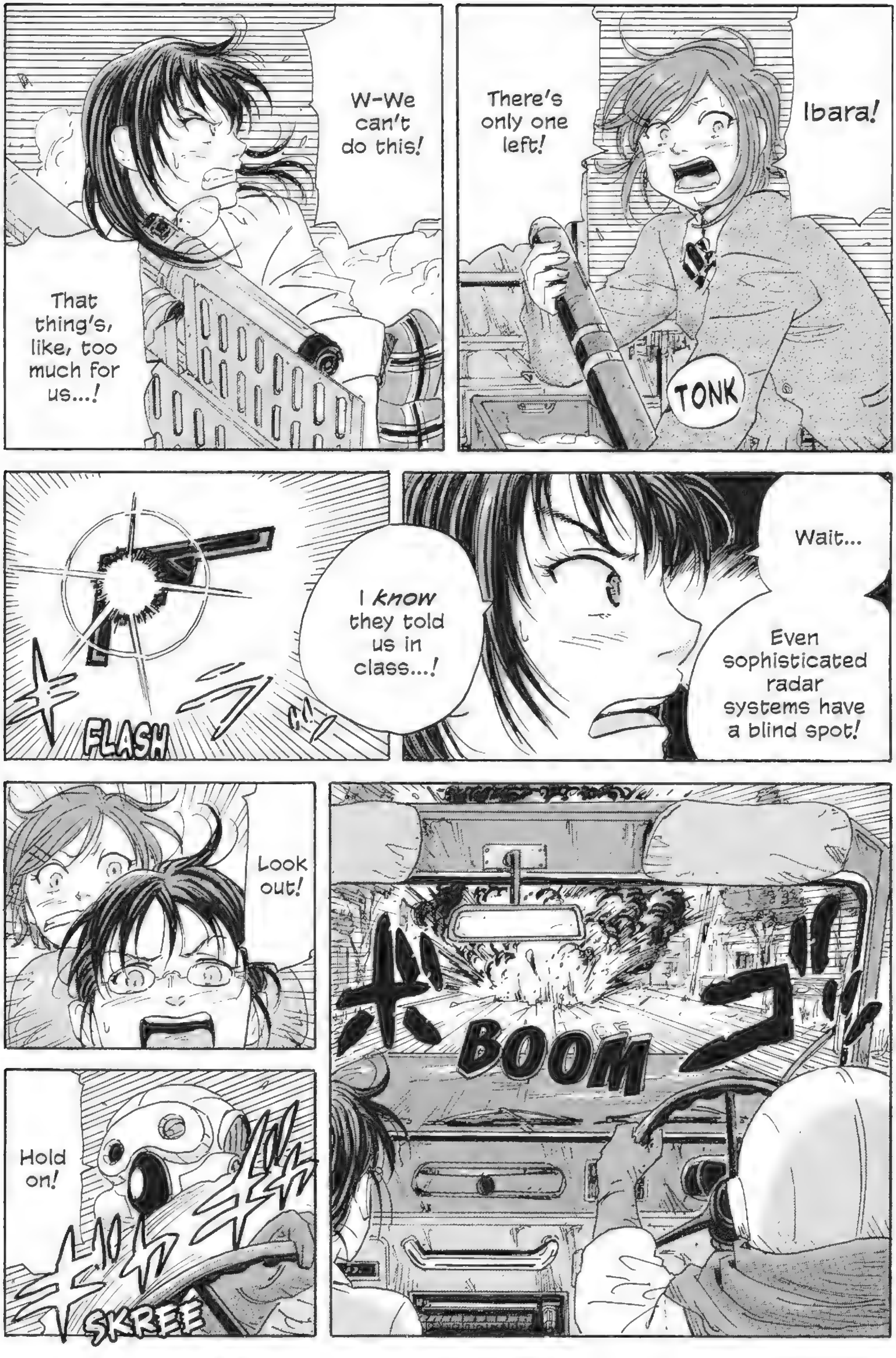

Ugh...!
VWEEN
They're comin' at us from behind!
TA TA TA TA TA
TA TA TA
RA TA
WHUD
WHUD
WHUD
Yeeeek!!
BOOM
SKREEE
No no no nooo!!
VWING
It seems they're angry...
What shall we do?!
PLINK
Turn someplace!
They'll chase after us!

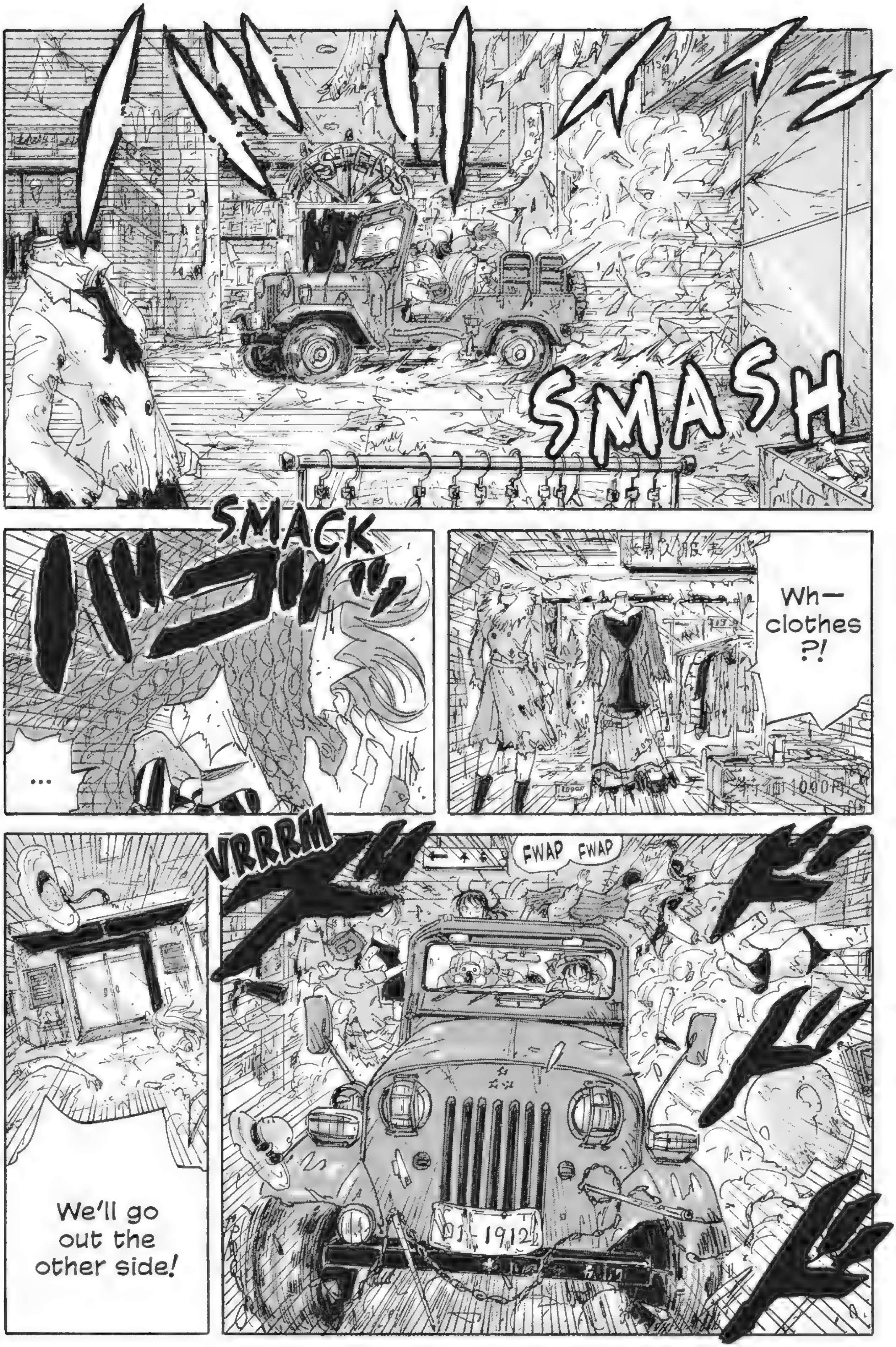

FWSH
To the left, then!
BAM
SKREEEE
Whoaaa!
WHOOSH
KAA
Ah...!
You were right!
They're right behind us!

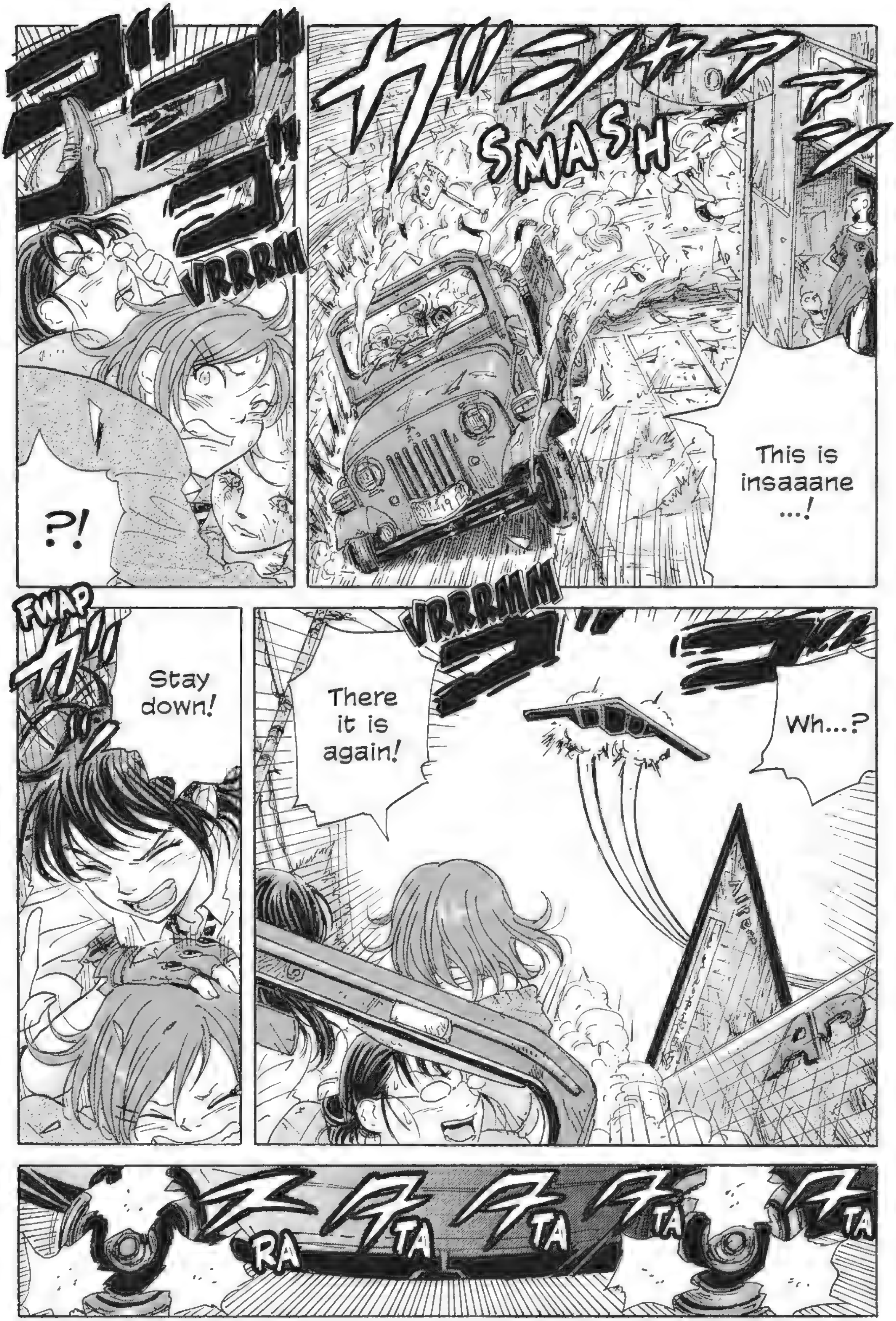

RRRMM
...in the ruins of Tokyo!
TOKYO
PLINK
But why?!
Why are they so intent on following us?!
That's obvious!
They got somethin' to *hide*...
K-CHK
RA
TA
TA
TA
TA
SKREEEEE
Yeeek!
PLINK
Do something, Ibara! Hurry!
PLINK
PLINK
I got this...
It's all or nothin'!
FWUP

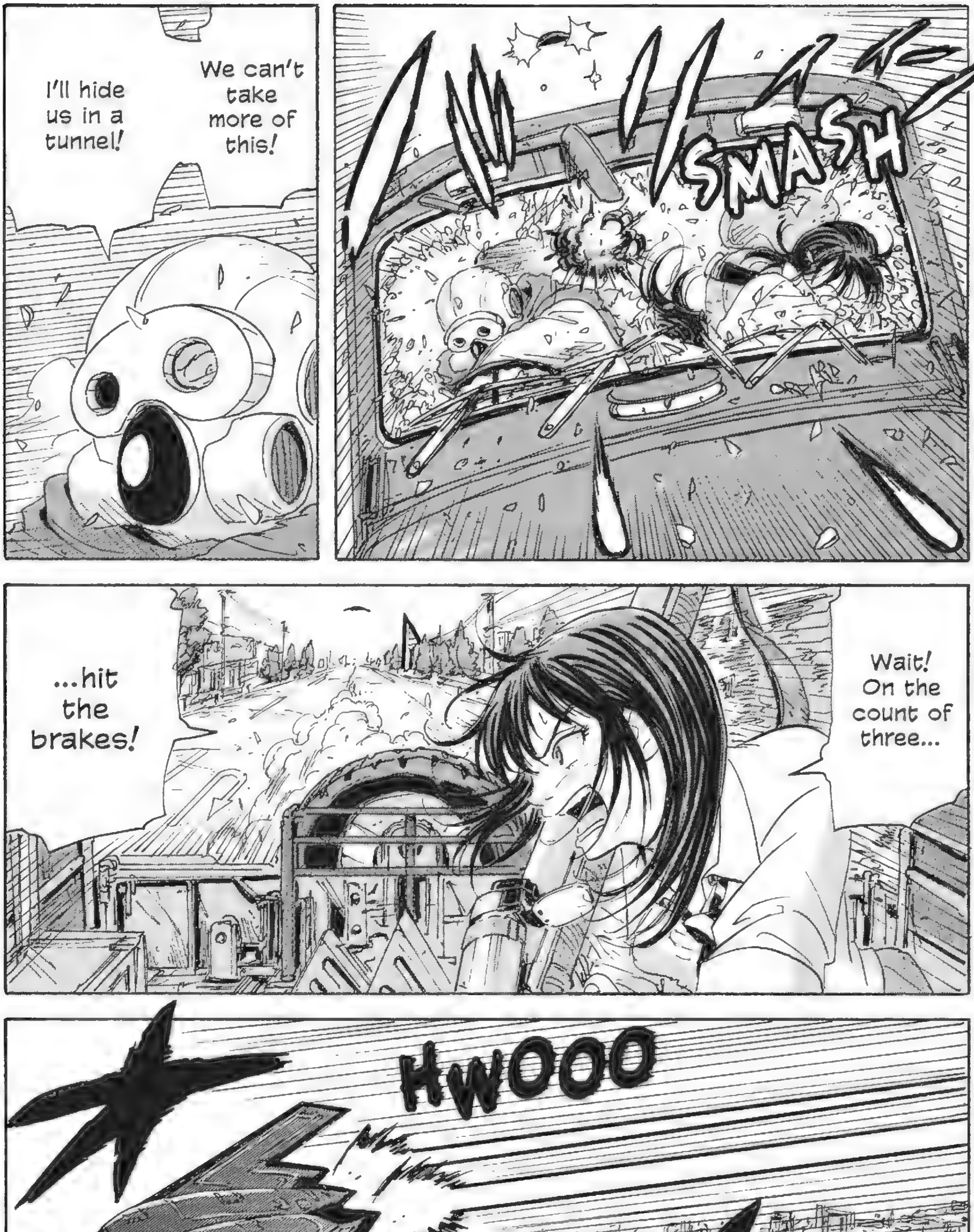

Fire!
ドン
BOOM
BSHOOOM
BEEP
WARNING...
?!
INCOMING PROJECTILE—
A missile!
Ha! What an antique!
PCH
RTC

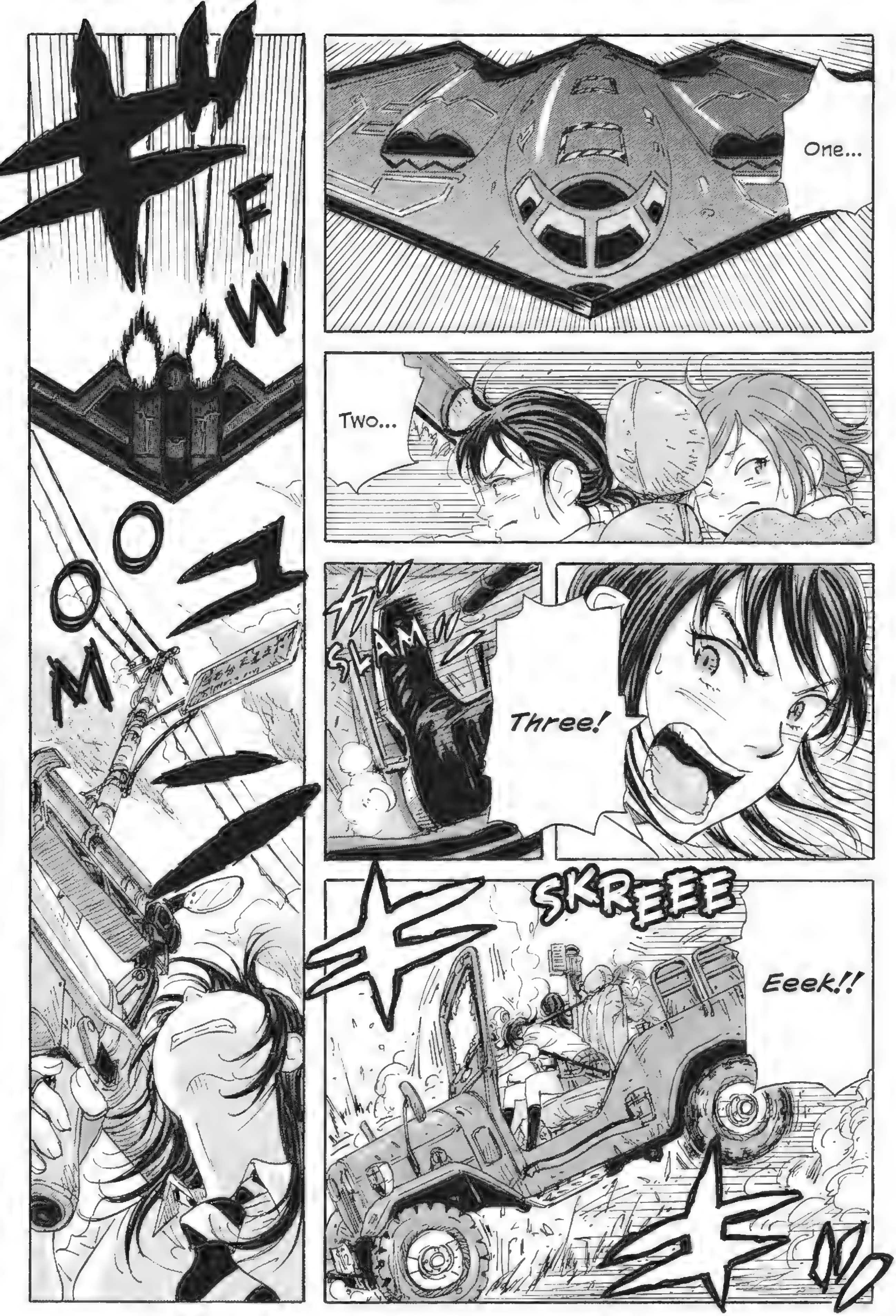

VWOOOM
BSHOOM
VWEEN
PING PING
Gwahhhh!!
BOOM
Damn!
Can't get 'em from the front...
They can intercept our missiles!

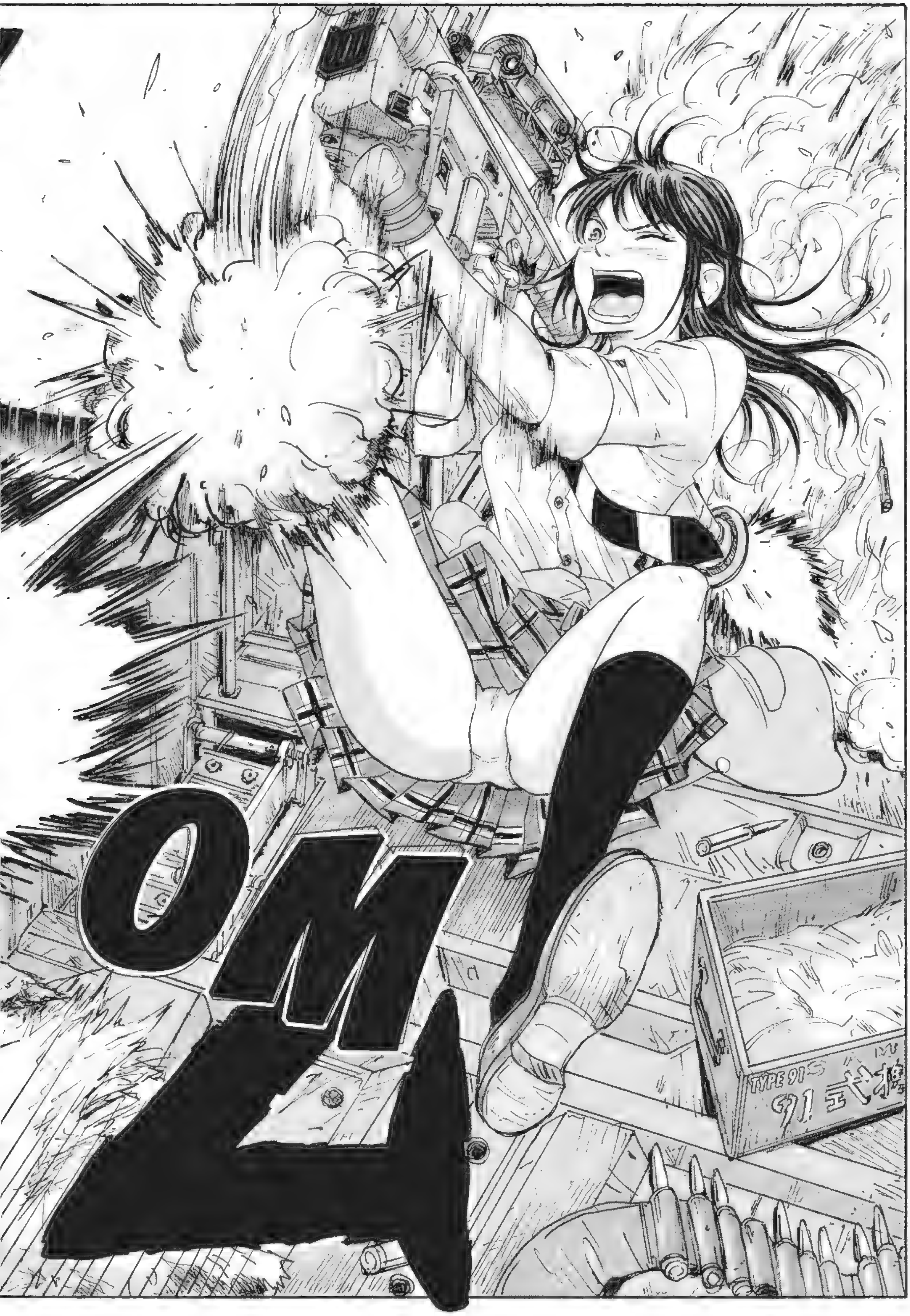

Ibara!
There's only one left!
TONK
W-We can't do this!
That thing's, like, too much for us...!
Wait...
Even sophisticated radar systems have a blind spot!
I *know* they told us in class...!
FLASH
BOOM
Look out!
Hold on!
SKREE


SMASH
Wh— clothes?!
SMACK
...
VRRRM
FWAP FWAP
01-1912
We'll go out the other side!


SMASH
This is insaaane ...!
VRRRM
?!
VRRRMM
Wh...?
There it is again!
FWAP
Stay down!
RA
TA
TA
TA
TA


SMASH
We can't take more of this!
I'll hide us in a tunnel!
Wait! On the count of three...
...hit the brakes!
HWOOO


One...
Two...
SLAM
Three!
SKREEE
Eeek!!
FWOOOOM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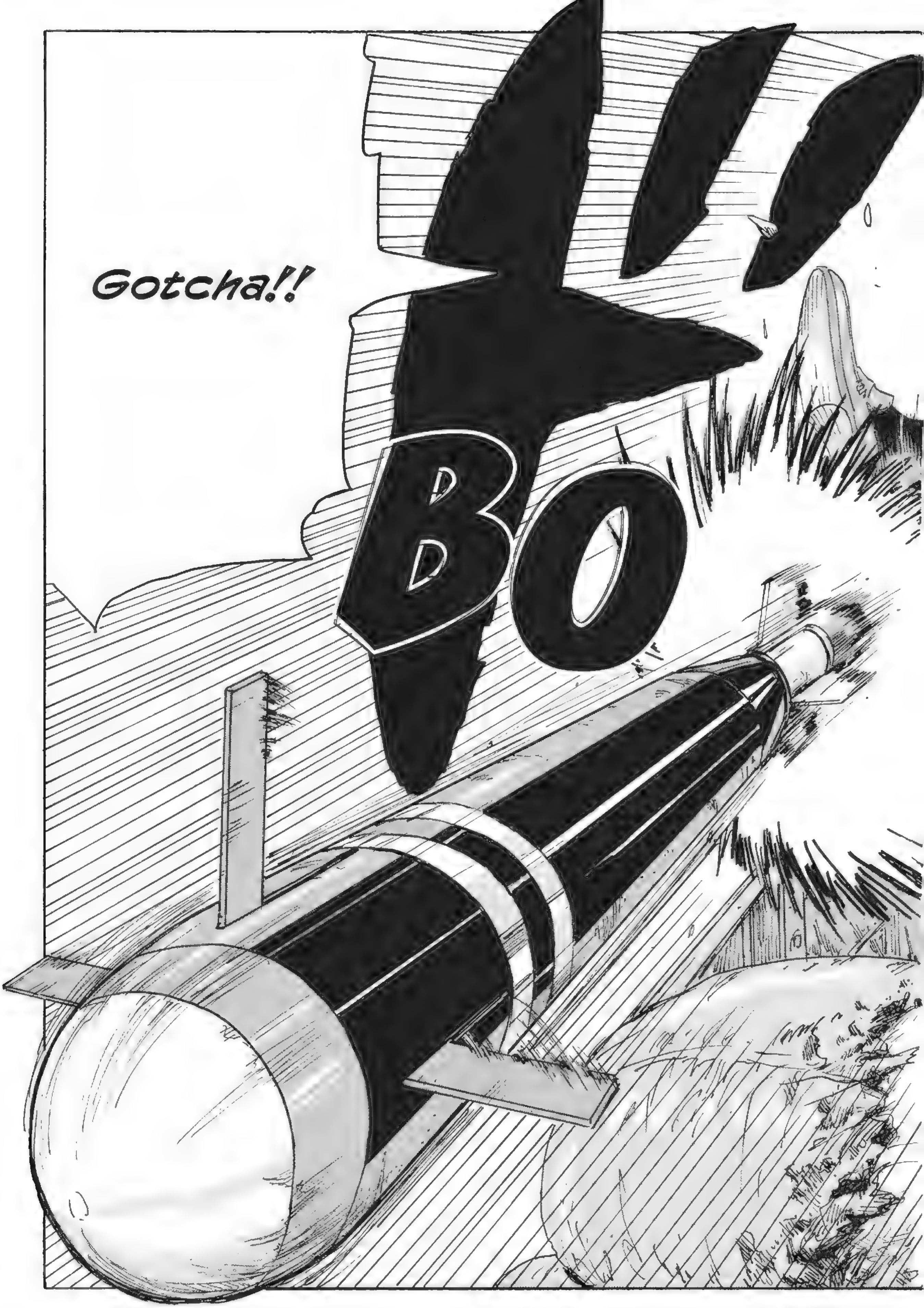
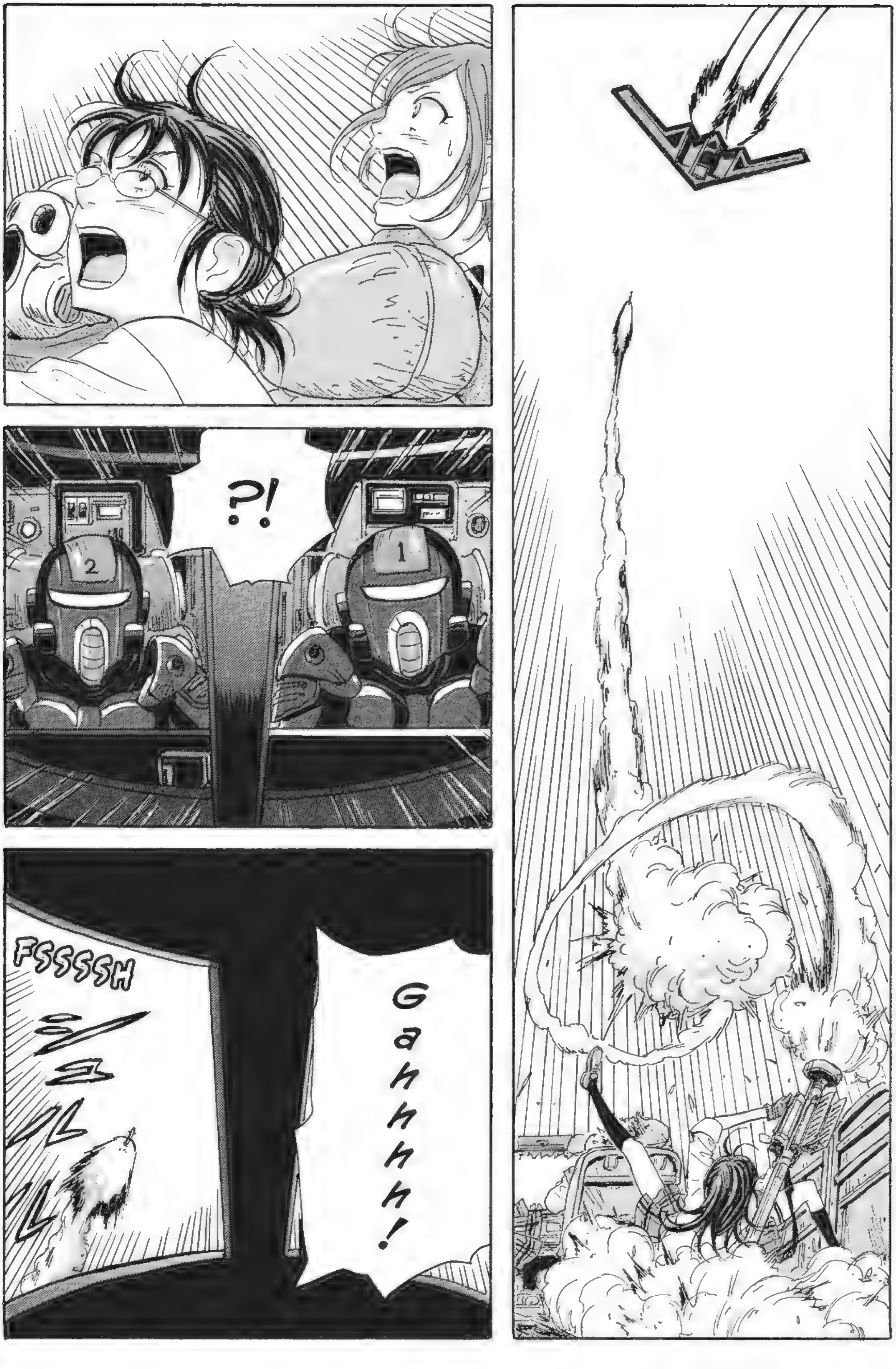
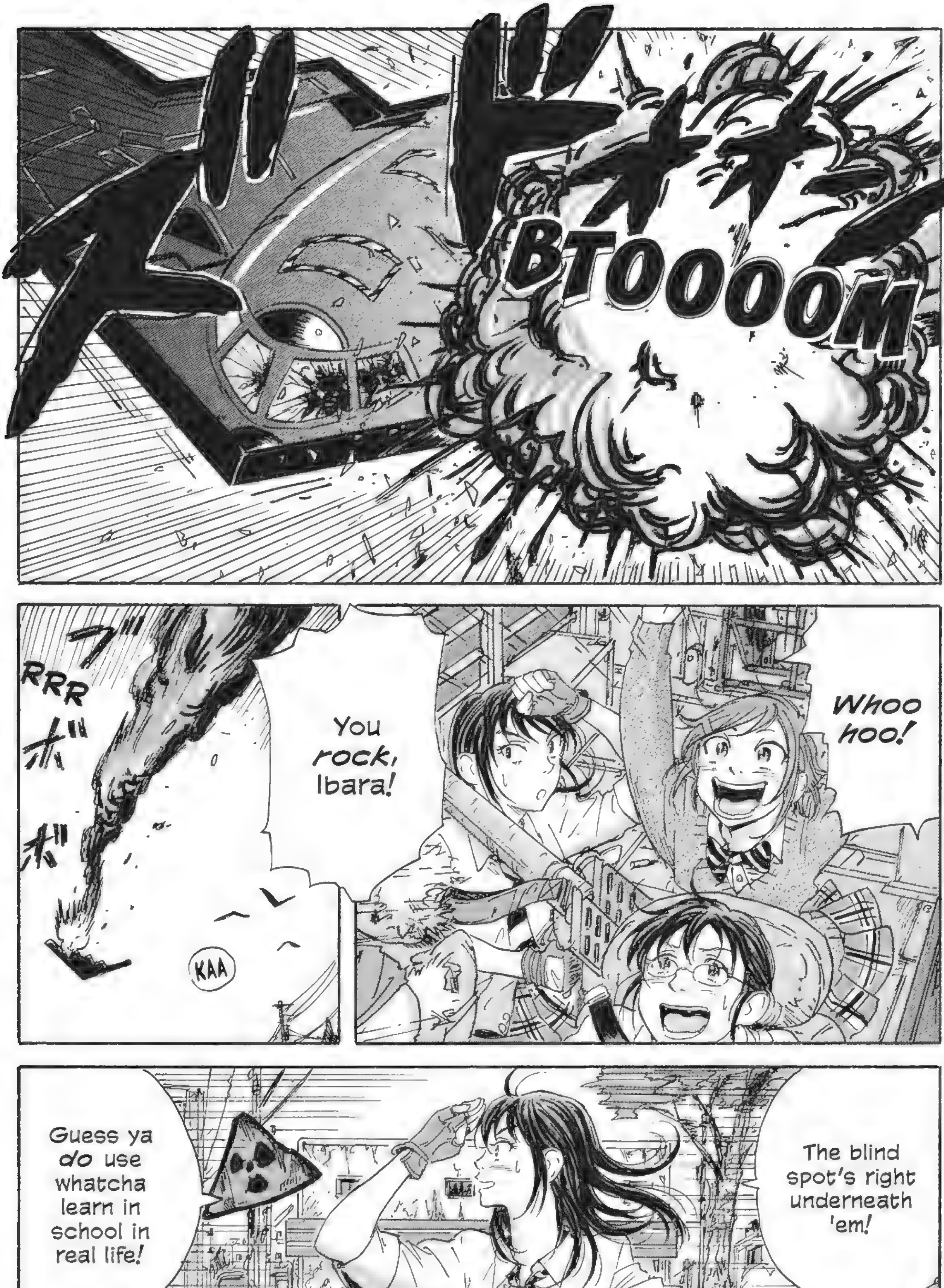
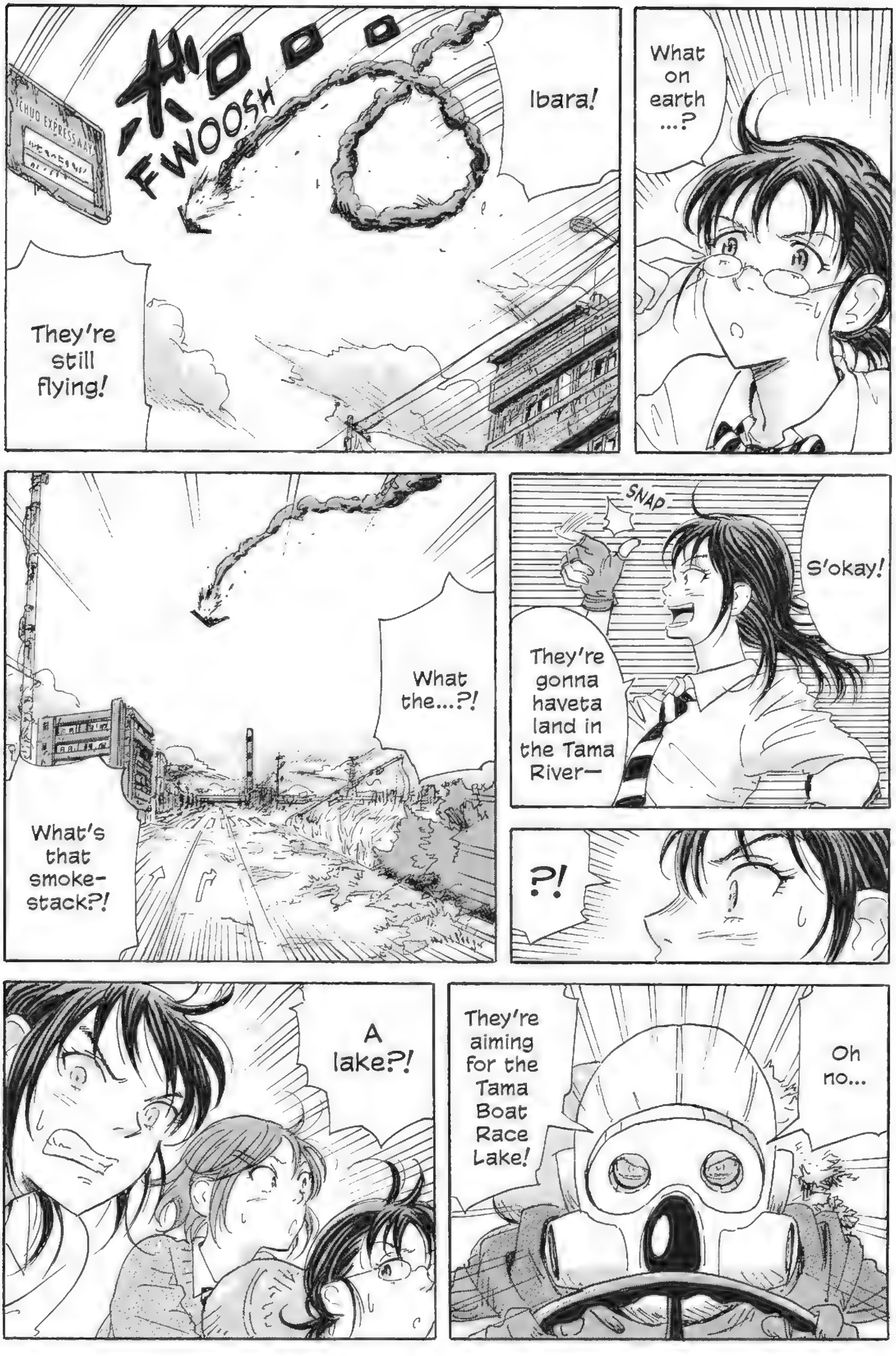
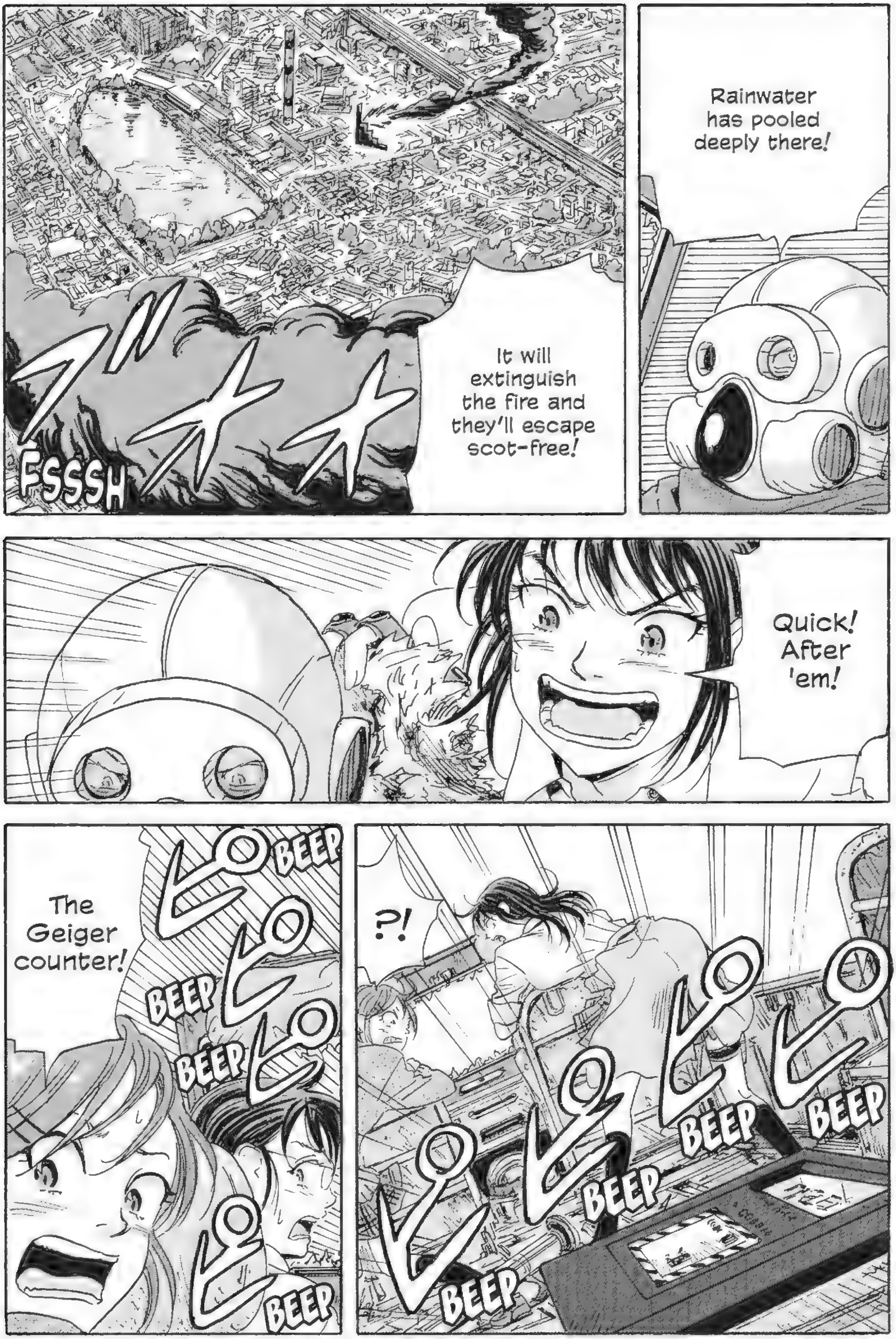
TYPE 91
91式機

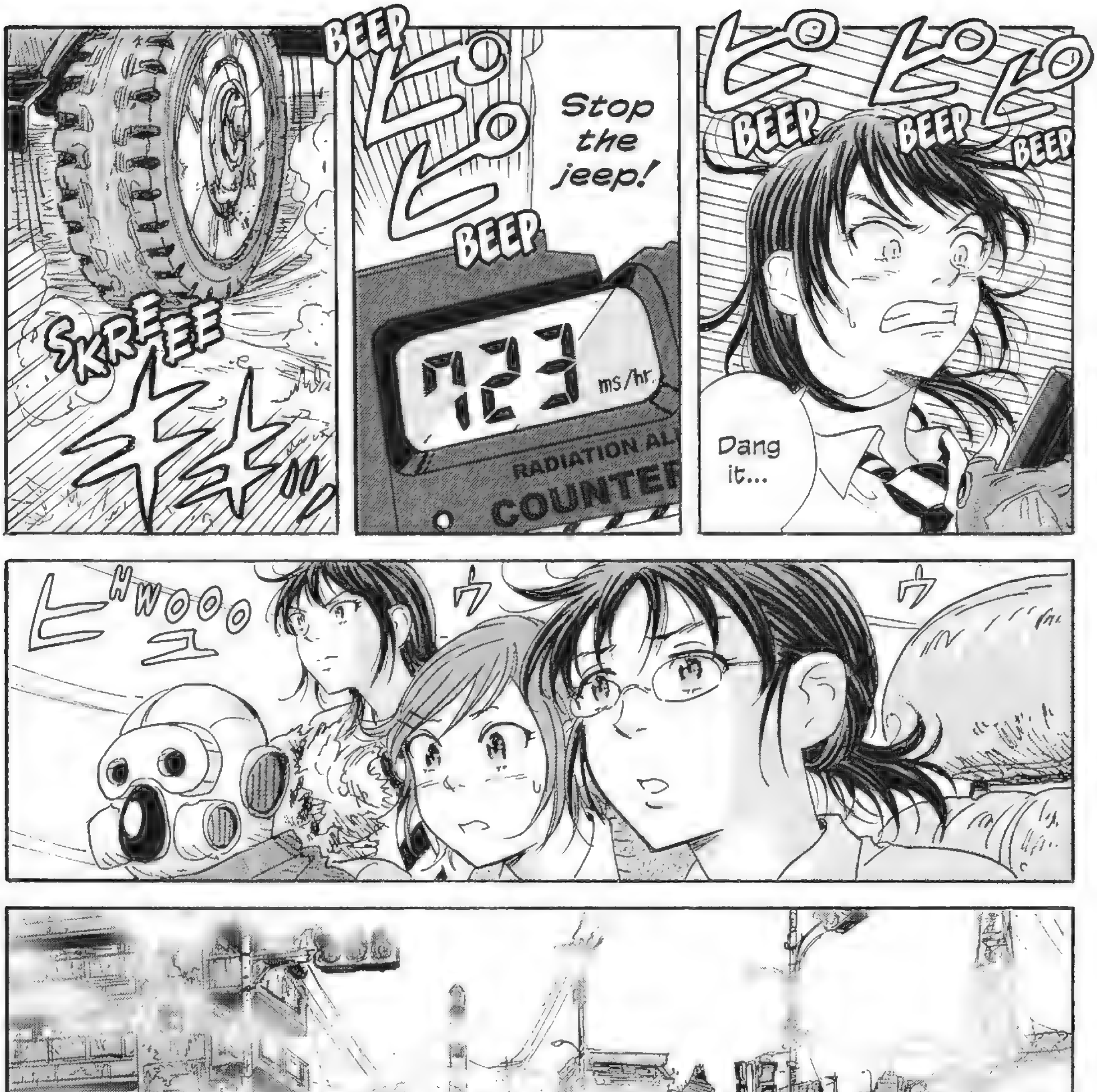

Gotcha!!
BO!!!

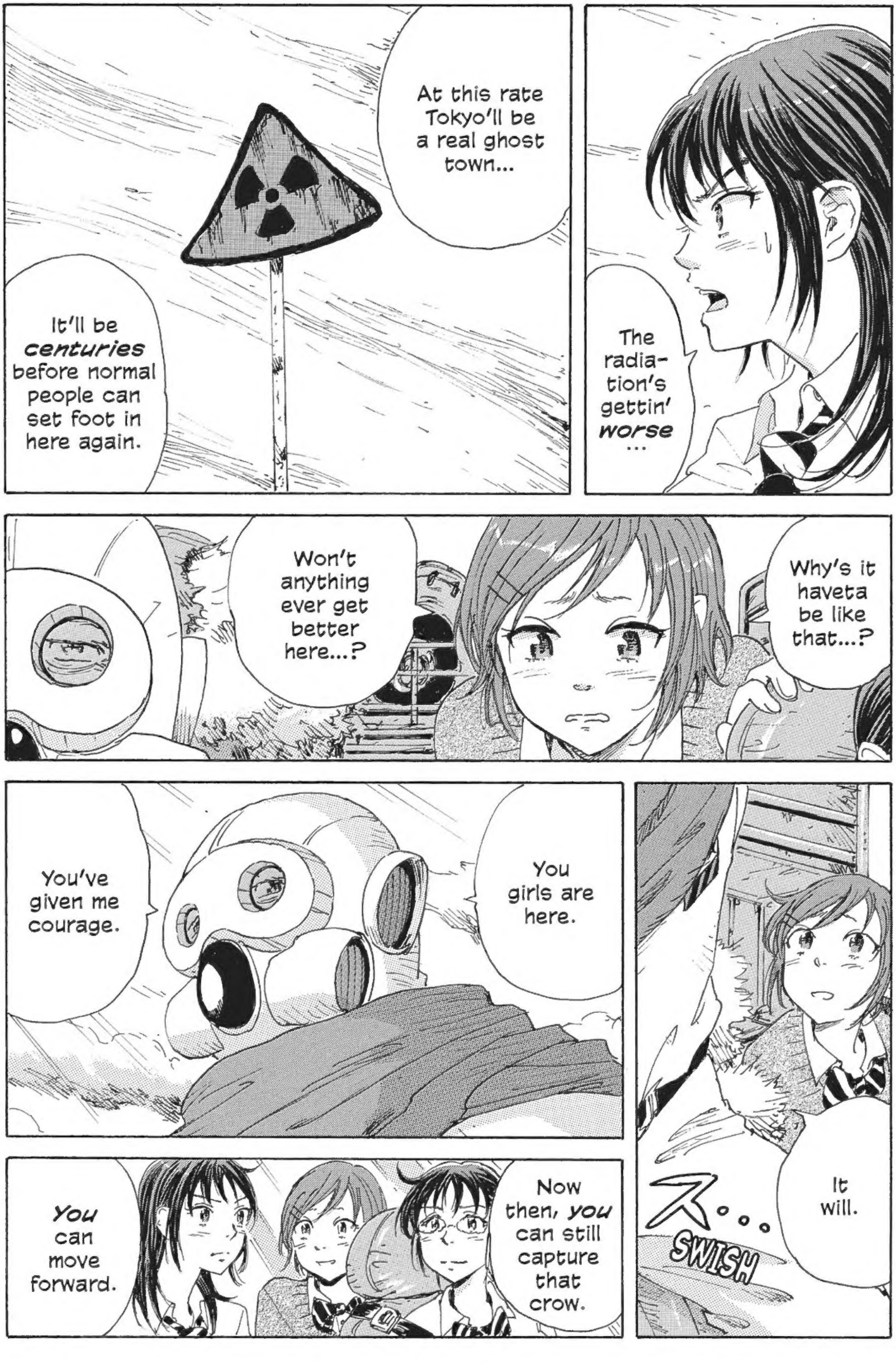

?!
Gahhhhh!
FSSSSH

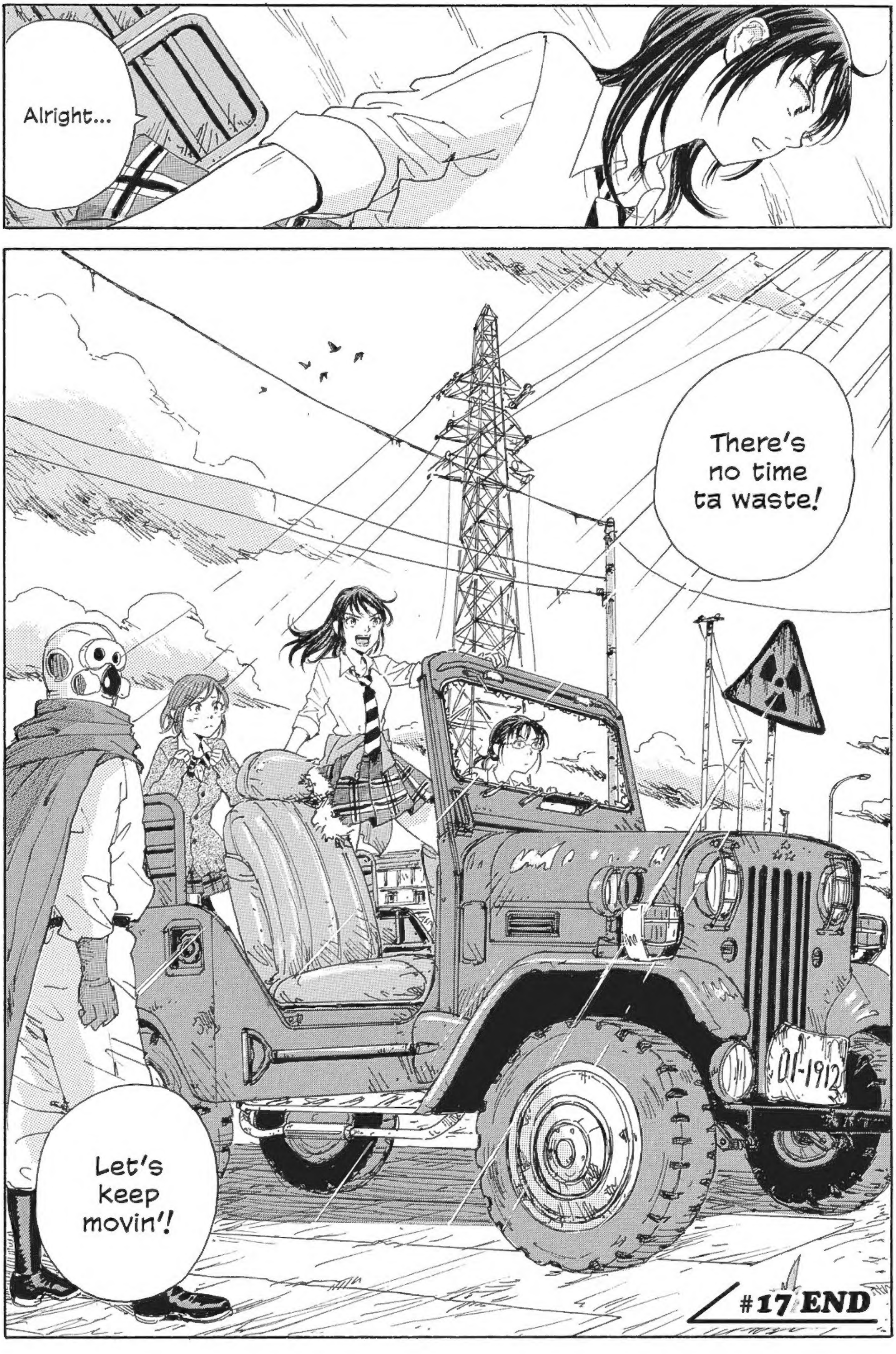

BTOOOOM
Whoo hoo!
You rock, Ibara!
RRR
KAA
The blind spot's right underneath 'em!
Guess ya do use whatcha learn in school in real life!


What on earth ...?
FWOOSH
CHUO EXPRESSWAY
Ibara!
They're still flying!
SNAP
S'okay!
They're gonna haveta land in the Tama River—
?!
What the...?!
What's that smoke-stack?!
Oh no...
They're aiming for the Tama Boat Race Lake!
A lake?!


Rainwater has pooled deeply there!
It will extinguish the fire and they'll escape scot-free!
ブシュ
FSSSH
Quick! After 'em!
?!
ピピピピピ
BEEP BEEP BEEP BEEP BEEP
The Geiger counter!
ピピピピ
BEEP BEEP BEEP BEEP


ピ BEEP
ピ BEEP
ピ BEEP
Dang it...
ピ BEEP
ピ BEEP
Stop the jeep!
723 ms/hr.
RADIATION AL
COUNTE
BEEP
SKREEEE
キキ
ヒュウウ HWOOOO
...This is a danger zone.


The radiation's gettin' *worse*...
At this rate Tokyo'll be a real ghost town...
It'll be *centuries* before normal people can set foot in here again.
Why's it haveta be like that...?
Won't anything ever get better here...?
ス...
SWISH
It will.
You girls are here.
You've given me courage.
Now then, *you* can still capture that crow.
You can move forward.


Alright...
There's no time ta waste!
Let's keep movin'!
01-1912
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